

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Spiritual Gifts





1. Mute Idols

“Now concerning spiritual gifts: brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unaware. You know that when you were pagans, you used to be enticed and led astray by mute idols.”

1 Corinthians 12:1-2



2. Many Gifts

“Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God produces each gift in each person.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



3. Manifestation of the Spirit

“A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good: to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues. One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as He wills.”

1 Corinthians 12:7-11



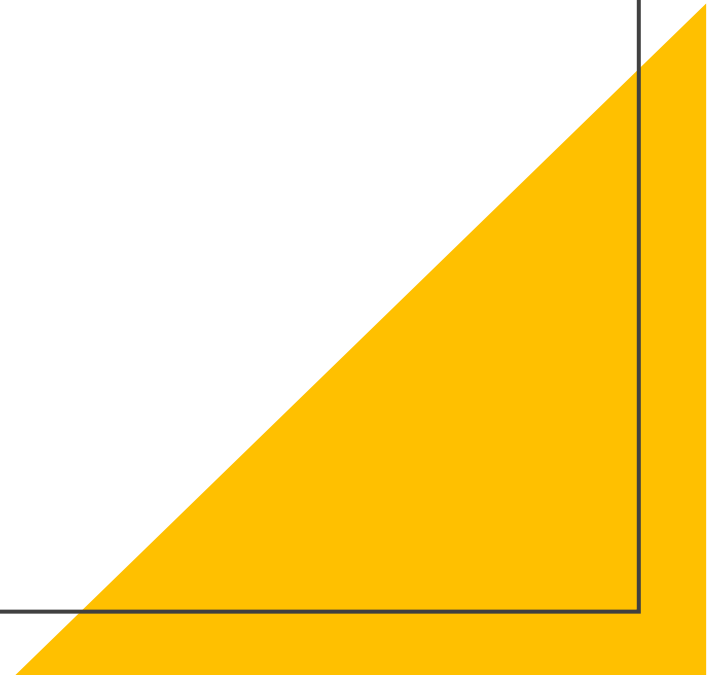
B. For the Common Good

“God has given you a spiritual gift, and it is not the same as a natural ability. That natural talent, rightly sanctified for God’s use, often points toward the identity of your spiritual gift. But you should find out the special gift God has given you while you’re serving as diligently as you can without that definite information. In fact, in addition to the study of Scripture, the best way to discover and confirm which spiritual gift is yours is through serving.”

- Donald Whitney

“When we exercise the gifts which Christ has given us we are really saying to our fellow Christians and others: See how much the Lord Jesus Christ loves you and cares for you; He has sent me to serve you in this way; He is using my hands and feet, my lips and ears, to show His love. It is a tragic mistake if we think that the message is: See what a superb Christian I am; see the wonderful gifts I have... Gifts are for service, not self-advancement.”

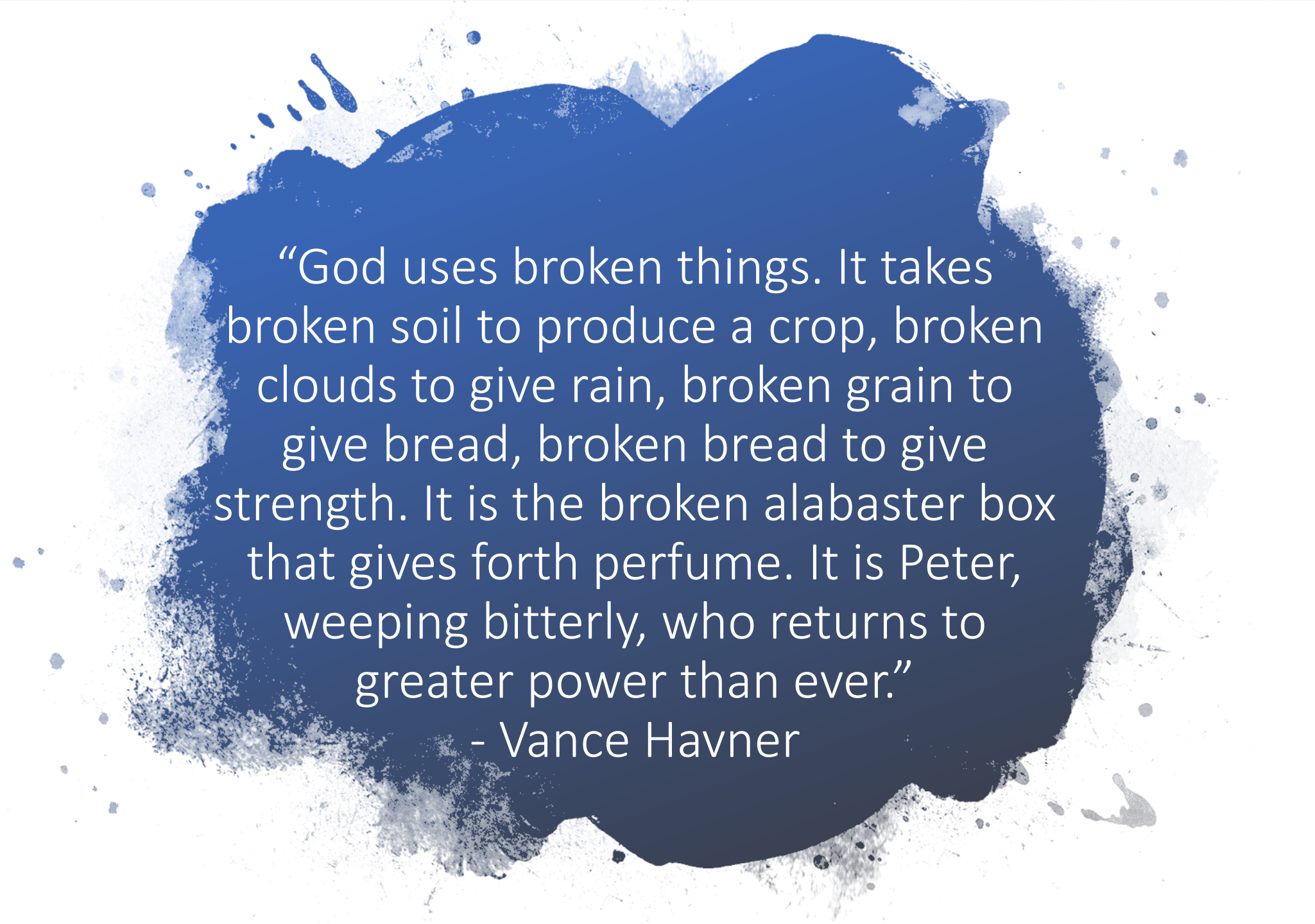
- Sinclair Ferguson





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A. For the People of God

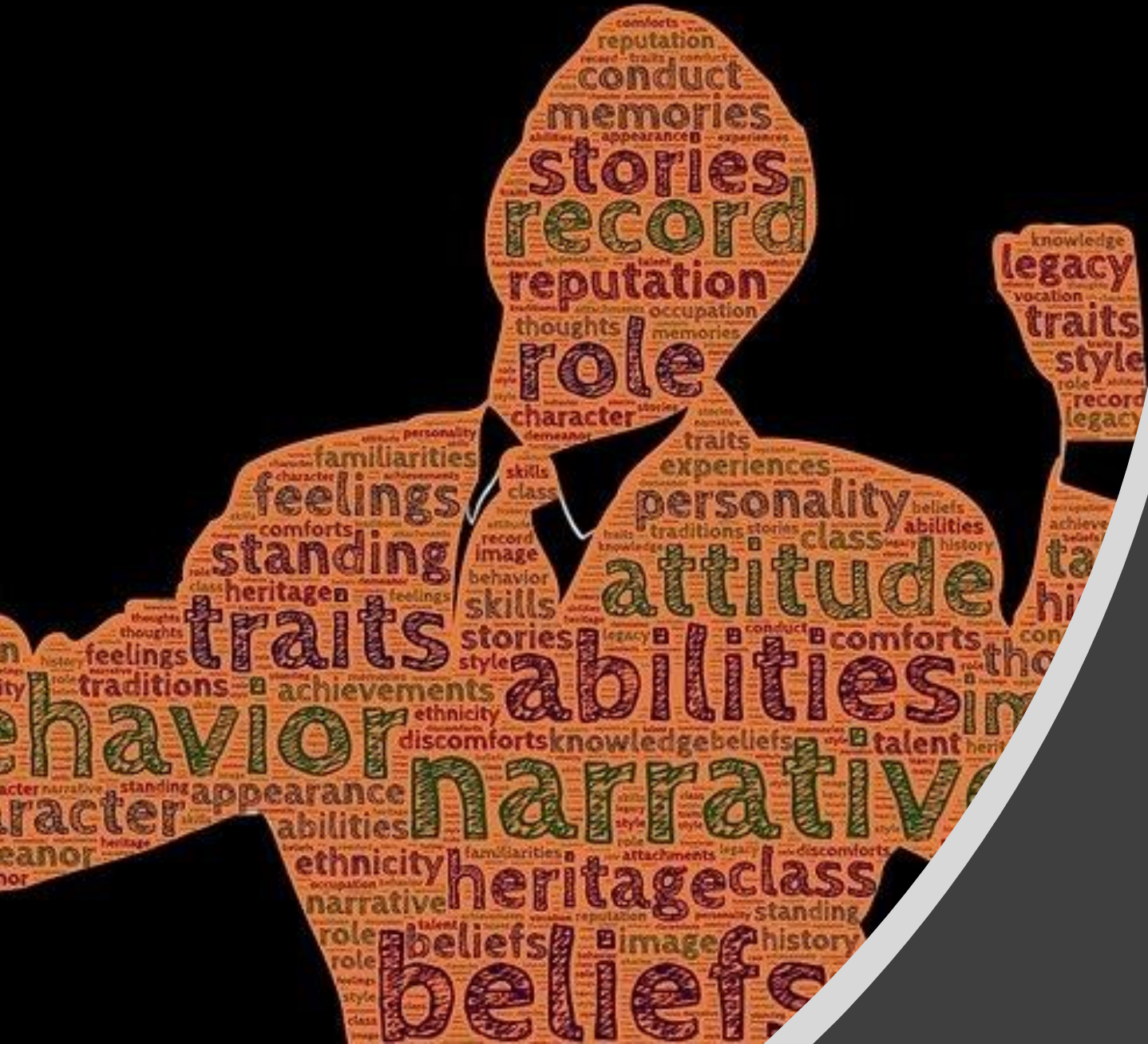


“God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

- Vance Havner



C. For the Glory of God



“Sometimes people base their identity on their gifting, but our identity is in Christ and ultimately has no relation to whatever gift the Spirit may have granted to us.”
– Sam Storms