

What Do We Do with the Gifts We Received?
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GOD IS A GIFT _____

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.
James 1:17

GOD'S BIG GIFTS:

- A _____ Relationship
- His Word
- Prayer
- The Holy Spirit

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE:

- Spiritual Gifts...1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT) *"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."*
- Talents, Skills, Abilities... Exodus 36:1 says, *"The Lord has gifted Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled craftsmen with wisdom and ability to perform any task involved in building the sanctuary."*
- Influence, Wealth, Leadership...

GIFTS CAN:

- Go Unused
- Be Misused and Abused

"The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21

“It grieves one’s heart to see gifts of God used to oppose God....Men fight against God with God’s own gifts. A woman endowed with beauty, the rare gift of God, uses it to ensnare others into sin. God gives us garments, and there are some who use their very garments for nothing else but pride, and who go through the world with no motive but display. A man has a musical voice given to him, but he sings what God cannot be pleased to hear, and what no man or woman ought to listen to. Another has great intellect, and he gives himself up to pulling the Bible to pieces, and, as far as he can, to destroy much good.” Charles Spurgeon, 1892

GOD’S GIVES US GIFTS SO WE CAN

_____ HIM AND
_____ OTHERS

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)