



Lessons for Life

UNWRAPPING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Making A Difference - 2

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I. 4 GIFTS GOD GIVES ME AT SALVATION

1. **FORGIVENESS**

"...Jesus Christ brought forgiveness to many through God's bountiful gifts." Romans 5:15

2. **ETERNAL LIFE**

"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

3. **HIS SPIRIT TO LIVE IN ME**

"...God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Romans 5:5 (LB)

4. **A SPECIAL ABILITY**

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well..." Romans 12:6 (LB)

"The gifts we possess differ as they are allotted to us by God's grace, and must be exercised accordingly." Romans 12:5 (NEB)

"Brothers and sisters, I want you to understand about spiritual gifts." 1 Corinthians 12:1

"I never stop thanking God for all the generous gifts He has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. He has enriched your church with eloquence and every kind of knowledge... and you have every spiritual gift that you need." 1 Corinthians 1:4-5

Spiritual gifts produce spiritual results ...

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. My gifts reveal my WORK

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works in all of them."
1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

Knowing your spiritual gift helps answer questions like ...

- What is His will for me?*
- What kind of job should I have?*
- What is my ministry?*

2. My gifts show my WORTH

"We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us to do long ago." Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

"All of you form the one Body of Christ and each one is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

"In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't." Romans 12:4-6 (Message)

3. My gifts share my **WITNESS**

"Let your light shine in front of people. Then they'll see the good that you do, and they will praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

"This is how my Father is glorified - in your becoming fruitful and being my disciples...I have told you this so that you can share my joy and that your joy may be complete." John 15:8,11 (Ph)

III. HOW DO I BEGIN TO USE MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

1. **DISCOVER IT!**

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you." 1 Timothy 4:14

"...Eagerly desire spiritual gifts..." 1 Corinthians 14:1

How?

- **EXAMINATION**
- **EVALUATION**
- **EXPERIMENTATION**

2. DEVELOP IT!

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you..." 1 Timothy 4:14 (GN)

"Fan into flame the gift God gave you..." 2 Timothy 1:6 (JB)

3. USE IT!

"Each one should use whatever spiritual gift he has received to serve others, faithfully managing God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

"Why is it that He gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the church, the Body of Christ to a position of strength and maturity." Ephesians 4:12 (LB)