

**Embracing My Gifts  
to Serve Freely**

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A PERSONAL ACCOUNT  
LAST MINUTE TRAIN TRIP

What did that mean for me?

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ROMANS 12:4-8 NIV

For just as each of us have one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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ROMANS 12:4-8 NIV

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

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ROMANS 12:4-8 NIV

If it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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1 PETER 4:10 NIV

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

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WHAT PREVENTS US FROM DOING THIS?

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WHAT IS THE ANTIDOTE TO COMPARISON?

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EXPOSING THE LIES

“Some people are more spiritual than others; some gifts are more spiritual (and therefore more significant) than others”

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EXPOSING THE LIES

“I need to be good at everything; relying on others for something is a sign of weakness”

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EXPOSING THE LIES

“Acknowledging the gifts and the talents in my life amounts to pride; I should rather be ‘modest’ and not attract too much attention to myself”

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RESPONSE

- Renounce the lies
- Pray a blessing over each other’s areas of gifting and calling

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COMMUNION

It is through gospel grace that we are transformed from a place of striving, pleasing others, trying to attain false standards to a place of grace, of efficacy, of running with what he has given us for the advancement of the kingdom.

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IN CLOSING

What is the purpose of our gifts?  
How do we know what our gifts are?

There will be seasons of 'filling the gap', but God designed us with our specific make-up with a specific function in mind.

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