



# THE GIFTS

WHAT ARE THEY &  
HOW TO USE THEM

## 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

Empowered Servanthood

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Over the next five days, you'll reflect on how God calls you to worship Him alone and to serve others with the gifts He has entrusted to you. As you move through Scripture, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what gifts God has placed in your hands, and how He wants to shape your heart as you use it for Jesus' glory.



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# DAY 1

## 1 PETER 4:10-11

God has entrusted every believer with gifts, not as trophies for personal significance, but as channels of grace for other people. Pastor Lisa emphasized that a spiritual gift is a Spirit-empowered ability given by God's grace to serve others, build up the church, and bring glory to Jesus. That means your gift is not an accident, and your place in the body of Christ is not random; you were equipped on purpose for love in action. This passage also gives clarity about the direction and the goal. The direction is outward, "serve others," and the goal is upward, "so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." When you use what God has given you, someone else experiences His love, and God receives the glory. Today, begin by letting God reframe your view of gifting: not "What should I do?" but "How should I do it?"

- What is one gift or ability you sense God has entrusted to you, even if it feels small or unnoticed?
- Where do you tend to treat your gifts as optional rather than entrusted stewardship?
- Who in your church or community might need to experience God's grace through you this week?
- What is one simple act of service you can do in the next 24 hours as an offering to God?
- Pray: "Holy Spirit, show me what You've given me and how You want me to use it for Jesus' glory."

# DAY 2

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

Spiritual gifts are not given to create a ranking of “more important” and “less important” people. Paul teaches that there are different kinds of gifts and different kinds of service, but the same Spirit and the same Lord. Pastor Lisa highlighted God’s love for variety, like creation itself, so the diversity of gifts in the church is not a problem to solve; it’s a design to celebrate.

This also means you don’t have to imitate someone else’s calling to be faithful. The Spirit distributes gifts “for the common good,” so your gift is meant to contribute to a shared life where everyone is strengthened. When you envy someone else’s gift, you diminish the wisdom of God; when you hide your gift, the body is underutilized. Today is about embracing your gifts with gratitude and valuing the gifts you see in others.

- Where do you find yourself comparing your gifts to someone else’s, and what does that reveal about your heart?
- Name two gifts you’ve noticed in others at your church, and thank God for them in prayer.
- What would change if you believed your “small” contribution is necessary for the common good?
- Is there a place you’ve been holding back because you fear you’re not as gifted as others? What is one next step forward?
- Pray: “Lord, help me honor Your design in the body and receive my gifts with gratitude.”

# DAY 3

## ROMANS 12:4-6

The church is not meant to function like an audience watching a few people do ministry. Scripture describes us as one body with many members, each with a distinct function. Pastor Lisa echoed this clearly: God never intended His work to be done by a handful of people while everyone else watches; every believer has a gift, a place, and a purpose. If you feel unsure about your gifts, one of the most practical takeaways from the sermon is this: don't wait until you have everything figured out, start serving. Often, discovery comes through obedience. As you step into needs with humility, God clarifies what fits and what doesn't, and He shapes you along the way. Your "yes" can become a doorway into clarity, community, and growth.

- Where are you currently serving, and does it align with building up the body and meeting real needs?
- If you are not serving right now, what is one ministry need you could explore for the next month?
- What fear (failure, inadequacy, being overlooked) most often keeps you from stepping forward?
- Think of one person you could invite to serve alongside you so you're not doing it alone.
- Pray: "Jesus, give me a willing 'yes' and guide me as I serve and discover."

## DAY 4

### GALATIANS 5:22-23

Pastor Lisa made a crucial distinction: gifts answer what God calls you to do, but the fruit of the Spirit answers how God calls you to do it. It is possible to be skilled and still not look like Jesus. Teaching without the fruits of the Holy Spirit doesn't reliably reveal Jesus.

God's aim is not merely a productive church; it's a church that reflects His Son. The same Holy Spirit who empowers gifts also cultivates love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Today, let God examine not only your contribution, but your posture. Ask Him to make your service feel like grace to others, not pressure, performance, or control.

- Which fruit of the Spirit do you most need in your serving right now, and why?
- Where have you been tempted to rely on your personality or competence instead of the Spirit's strength?
- Is there any resentment, pride, or impatience that has been coloring your service? Confess it honestly to God.
- What would it look like for your gift to feel like encouragement to others rather than criticism or strain?
- Pray: "Holy Spirit, grow Your fruit in me so my gifts reflect Jesus, not just my ability."

# DAY 5

## JOHN 4:23-24

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that true worship is not ultimately about a location or performance, but about worshiping the Father in spirit and in truth. The sermon's repeated refrain, "worship the Lord and serve Him only," reminds us that service is not separate from worship; it becomes worship when it flows from love, dependence, and honesty before God. Spirit-and-truth worship also keeps your gifts from becoming your identity. You are not your role, your competence, or your impact; you belong to Jesus. As you serve, you can continually return to the cross, asking God to rid you of self-reliance and to fill you with His Holy Spirit. When worship leads, and the Spirit strengthens, your service becomes a living testimony that Jesus is worthy, present, and glorified through ordinary people.

- Where has serving become more about obligation, image, or approval than worship?
- What is one truth about Jesus you need to remember today to realign your heart (His grace, His presence, His worth)?
- How can you practice "dependence on the Spirit" before you serve—one simple prayer, pause, or surrender?
- Who could you encourage this week by helping them take one step toward serving or discovering their gifts?
- Pray: "Father, make my worship true and my service an offering that points to Jesus."



# THANK YOU

For Completing Our  
5 Day Devotional

Thank you for spending these five days with me. I pray this devotional has helped you discover, appreciate, and boldly use the spiritual gifts God has placed within you. As you go forward, trust the Holy Spirit to lead you, serve others with joy, and remember that your unique gifts are meant to build up the body of Christ and bring glory to God. Keep growing, keep serving, and keep saying yes to His call.

God bless you!

Pastor Lisa

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