



Gifted to Serve

NorthRidge Church

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Using Your Spiritual Gifts for God's Glory

1. You Have Been _____ ... *As each has received a gift*
 - a) Spiritual gifts are for all believers—not just _____ or "_____."
 - b) Your gift is not random; it's _____.
2. Your Gift Is Meant _____ ... *Use it to serve one another*
 - a) Gifts are not meant to be _____ or _____.
 - b) The Church thrives when everyone _____.
3. Your Gift Is Part of _____ ... *As good stewards of God's varied grace*
 - a) Using your gift is an act of _____.
 - b) "Varied grace" means the gifts are _____ and _____.
4. Your Gift Points _____ ... *in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*
 - a) Serving with your gift brings _____. It's not about you! ... 2 Corinthians 4:7
 - b) It draws people _____.

Application: How to Use Your Gifts Today

1. _____ your gifts.
 - Ask God in prayer.
 - Examine yourself. What are you good at?
 - Take a spiritual gifts assessment.

- Ask trusted believers what they see in you.

2. _____ your gifts.
3. _____ your gifts.

In Summary ...

- You have been gifted on purpose, for a purpose.
- So, the question is not: *Do I have a spiritual gift?*
The question is: *What am I doing with the gift God gave me?*

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS

Consider the words of Paul, who both thanked believers for their prayers and humbly asked for more, showing his dependence on God and his gratitude for the church's intercession and spiritual support.

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- Romans 15:30-32. "I appeal to you...**strive together** with me in your **prayers** to God on my behalf."
- Ephesians 6:18-20—"**Pray** also for me, that words may be given to me...to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel."
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 - a) Spiritual gifts are for all believers—not just **leaders** or "**super Christians**."
 - b) Your gift is not random; it's **intentional**.
2. Your Gift Is Meant **to Be Used** ... *Use it to serve one another*
 - a) Gifts are not meant to be **hidden** or **hoarded**.
 - b) The Church thrives when everyone **serves**.
3. Your Gift Is Part of **God's Grace** ... *As good stewards of God's varied grace*
 - a) Using your gift is an act of **stewardship**.
 - b) "Varied grace" means the gifts are **diverse** and **beautiful**.
4. Your Gift Points **People to Jesus** ... *in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*
 - a) Serving with your gift brings **glory to God**. It's not about you! ... 2 Corinthians 4:7
 - b) It draws people **to Jesus**.

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2. **Dedicate** your gifts.
3. **Deploy** your gifts.

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