

THE GRASS WITHERS AND THE
FLOWERS FADE, BUT THE WORD
OF OUR GOD STANDS FOREVER.

ISAIAH 40:8



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Prayer Support Groups

Monthly Prayer Support
Monday Night @6:30
June 7th
Prayer and Praise

River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
Room #4

Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday
at On Wings Office
from 12:30 - 2:00

We are studying
Jonah: Navigating a
Life Interrupted
by Priscilla Shirer



Come join us for
fellowship and learning

Designed for Fulfillment

"I have come that you might have life, and have it to the full"
John 10:10 NIV

Identifying our spiritual gift has become a passion on my heart to share with others both for their benefit and to help them recognize the gift of others in their life. For many years I did not know what my gift was, so I took a course entitled, Free to Be You by Elizabeth and Sylvia Gunter.

This study focuses on the gifts spoken of in Romans 12:6-8. You might want to review that passage. They are termed motivational gifts and there are seven gifts as listed below:

- Prophet
- Servant
- Teacher
- Exhorter
- Giver
- Ruler
- Mercy

The booklet gives you a list of qualities of each gift and you check which ones apply to you. Then you look back to see where you have the most checks and it should prove to be your dominant gift. Even after checking the list, I had difficulty pinpointing mine, but after I did it all made sense. I realized why I do the things the way I do, and I felt more freedom to be who God designed me to be.

It also helps me to place ministry volunteers in tasks that are particular to their spiritual gift. I have found when they are operating in their gift, they are more energized and more eager to complete the task at hand. It is like knowing the Five Love Languages of your loved ones. When you love someone in their language, they are more fulfilled and filled up to overflow which makes for better relationship.

The authors also share a Biblical character who had one of each of the seven gifts. Now I know why I so identify with and love Paul's writings so much because he had the same gift I do. He wrote the words that I have chosen as my life verses which express my hearts desire.

There are also major weaknesses listed with each gift. You would be wise to review those weaknesses often so you can pray over them and seek to overcome those blind spots.

I will also recommend another workbook entitled, Designed for Fulfillment by Charles R. Wale, Jr. He says and I quote, "Fulfillment comes when we use all the abilities that God gave us and know that we are doing exactly what our Father designed for us. Fulfillment comes when we are walking in our unique design and fully developing the resources that God has placed within us."

If you are unsure of your spiritual gift and are not walking in the way God designed you to, think about checking out these resources to help you determine your unique design. Your gift is needed by your family and your community of faith so the quicker you can live out of the way God designed you the better. To do that you must discover what your gift is.

~ Sandra



Prayer Thoughts

PRAYER AND THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

There are situations when God invites – and even urges – us to keep asking.

"Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1 (NIV) A persistent widow sought justice against her adversary, albeit from a judge who was not a God-fearing man. If for no other reason than to get her to hush up so her begging wouldn't wear him out, the judge granted her request. Luke 18:5

If we carry a particular burden, desire justice, or need salvation, provision, or healing, we must keep asking. Because, unlike the unjust and godless judge referenced in Luke 18, our God loves us perfectly. He is wholly just and promises to deliver answers in His good and perfect timing.

But be warned. Satan will mock our persistent prayers with a wicked chuckle and will take advantage of moments of discouragement. During those days and seasons when the answers we desire haven't yet arrived, the enemy is determined to silence our persistent prayers. If we let him.

The prophet Isaiah understood the directive to keep asking.

"You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest till He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth." Isaiah 62:6b-7

Where the will of God is concerned, not only are we to keep asking, we're charged with giving God no rest about a matter. Doesn't sound anything like a flustered, eye-rolling judge. Quite the contrary.

So long as we maintain an unwavering faith in God when we petition Him, there is great purpose and power in persistent prayer. Let's not quit when weariness sets in. Not only will persistence change our hearts to be more like Jesus, but the recipient of our prayers will be forever grateful.

In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. There was also a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but later on he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor have regard for people, yet because this widow keeps on bothering me, I will give her justice, or in the end she will wear me out by her unending pleas.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unrighteous judge says! Won't God give justice to his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth. Luke 18:1-8

Keep asking, and it will be given to you.

Keep searching, and you will find.

Keep knocking,
and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

**THE ENEMY MAY THROW EVERY WEAPON HE HAS
AT YOU, BUT HE IS NOT THE ONE WHO GETS TO
WRITE THE END OF YOUR STORY.**

**IT'S AMAZING WHAT GOD WILL DO WITH A BROKEN
LIFE IF YOU GIVE HIM ALL THE PIECES.**

♥ SHEILA WALSH



Spiritual Gifts

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

There's a real danger in thinking your spiritual gifts are blessings God has given you for your own benefit. The problem with this selfish viewpoint is that you see your use of these as an option or luxury that you neglect or use according to your will alone. That's a far cry from a biblical understanding, which sees your spiritual gifts as expressions of gratitude God wills for you to use in service to others.

The Bible teaches that God gives us spiritual gifts so we can give to others. We use our gifts to continue Christ's work on earth. The apostle Paul wrote: A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church. His point: your gifts aren't your possessions. Yes, they've been entrusted to you, but actually, they belong to the community of believers. The truth we need to think about is that God has woven a unique design into each of our hearts. And our spiritual gifts are part of that fabric.

So, what are your spiritual gifts? Not sure? Read the Bible's teaching on spiritual gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. Then ask yourself where you've felt the greatest satisfaction serving the Lord. Carefully thinking through that question will go a very long way in clarifying this issue; because when you do what you love in order to show God's love, you'll find spiritual fulfillment and renewal.

-Excerpted from New Life Daily Devotionals



When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have
a single bit of talent left, and could say,
'I used everything you gave me.'
Erma Bombeck