

Gifts, ordinary and extraordinary

Every person has a gift/gifts; in God's mysterious design, each and every gift is equally and absolutely essential; each unique gift is to be spent, invested - in and for this world, in and for those with whom we share our years, in and for generations yet unborn. If any one of us withholds the giftedness that God has entrusted to us, some part of God's work will not and cannot be done. In fact, the Kingdom, for which we pray, cannot come, unless and until we share who we are - for God's purposes.



There are so many gifts beyond some of the amazing gifts of which we often think. When we hear that someone is truly “gifted”, we tend to think of athletes, doctors, teachers, musicians, and so forth. But equally vital in God’s design and plan for God’s created are gifts like hospitality, energy, song, affirmation, appreciation, wonder, delight, friendship, support, dreaming ... the list is endless.

To discover our gifts we need only pay attention to what things bring a spring to our step and a sense of joy to our heart. If something we’re doing leaves us devoid of energy or any kind of spark, perhaps we’re trying to be someone we were never meant to be. If, on the other hand, we can’t wait to engage in some activity or relationship or act of service, then in all likelihood that’s our gift – the one God needs us to offer to Him and for the sake of His creation.

God our creator is calling us to enjoy and to use our gifts.