

A King Who Distributes Gifts

The two most important days in your life are
the day you are born and the day you find
out why.

- Mark Twain

Ephesians 4

(11) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, (12) to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

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(13) until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

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Spiritual Gift

An ability you possess that causes someone you serve to be drawn to Christ

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*(4) because of his great love for us, God,
...(5) made us alive with Christ even when
we were dead in transgressions—it is by
grace (**charis**) you have been saved.*

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It pleases God to use you to help other people know Him even though you also struggle in your own relationship with Him. This is what grace is all about.

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(10) For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Spiritual gifts

Heart desires

Abilities (natural talents/skills)

Personality

Experiences

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Psalm 68

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(1) May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him. (3) But may the righteous ...rejoice before God; ... (5) A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, (6) God sets the lonely in families,

Psalm 68

(7)When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, (8) the earth shook, ...the Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary. (29)... your temple at Jerusalem

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(18) When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people,

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Acts 2

(33) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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Colossians 2

(15) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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1 Peter 3

(18) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. (19) After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—

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