

Use What God has Given You

God is no respecter of persons; with Him, we never have to worry that He'll think that Sally Sue is better than Molly Mae. The Word tells us that we all were given a measure of faith when we were born again. He has blessed us all with certain gifts, talents, and abilities. With this truth in mind, we must know that each of us has the ability to do great things by utilizing what our Heavenly Father has provided. He has made sure that we all have something unique and viable to bring to the table. Therefore, you can never underestimate what He's given you, nor should you think that you don't have what it takes to make a difference. God knows what lies deep within you. He sees your capacity and He most definitely knows your capabilities. Your charge is to know them too.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) tells us *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* God wouldn't tell us to let our lights shine if we didn't have a light. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and we have him abiding on the inside. His light will motivate us to be better and to do better if we'll let it. Because of Jesus Christ, we have an opportunity to present something of quality, something that is desperately needed in our day and time. That *"something"* is his love.

The love of Christ is not a stagnant love. It isn't a do-nothing kind of love. It's a love that is constantly on the go, constantly changing things for the better. The world has gotten so twisted that many of us have forgotten how powerful the love of Christ is, but we had better recognize. You see, often times we forget the potency of the love of Christ because we have become accustomed to a wait-and-see mode of operating. We don't want to work hard for things, we just expect them to come to us.

Procrastination has become a way of life for many of us. We put off tasks and prolong our responsibilities to the point of not being able to commit to our best. It's a mistake to think that we can give something our all by waiting until the last minute to complete a task. Where would we be if God had taken this approach to blessing us? We'd be in a very bay way I tell ya'. This moment is all you have, and God expects you to make the most of it, by making sure His love shines through everything that you do.

Your job, no matter how much you put it off, is to maximize every opportunity to do good and to let your light shine. Every aspect of your life represents a gift that can be employed for the glory

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of God. Don't let it be said that you have used your gifts unwisely. If we listen to our flesh we'd become easily persuaded to give up or make excuses for why we can't do what's required of us. Recognize this pattern of ineffectiveness in your life and break it. Make a habit of listening to the voice of God; it is constantly calling you to action.

Romans 12:7 NLT says *"If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. 8; If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.*

Realizing your worth and understanding how valuable you are to the Kingdom of God is the starting point to moving forward in your purpose. You need to trust with every fiber of your being that God has most certainly given you a gift. You are required to find out what it is, cultivate it, and then employ it for the work of His Kingdom. The Body of Christ needs you to do your part, and if you're unsure as to what that is, ask the Father until you hear His answer. He doesn't mind.

None of us are alike; therefore, we don't all have the same gifts or abilities, but no matter what it is, it's a gift from God and He ordained that you should use it. Take the responsibility to share and bless seriously. We can no longer allow the absence of dedication and commitment to permeate the Body of Christ. There is much too much to be done, and God is holding us accountable for completing the tasks before us. We are His arms, hands, legs, and mouthpieces—we are to get His Word out.

The Father has magnificent plans for us, more than we could ever imagine, but we need to condition our minds and hearts to do His work. It takes diligence, dedication, and commitment to follow through. And it won't be easy all the time, but that's okay. His grace is sufficient. Make the most of the small tasks and keep doing them. You'll build strength in your weak places. You'll build your relationship with God, and you'll walk in purpose as you never have before.●

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