

## **YOU HAVE A GOD-GIVEN ABILITY**

### **1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Matthew 25:24**

**Introduction:** When you believed in Jesus Christ with all your heart, you were immediately saved into God's family. You also were immediately indwelt by the Holy Spirit. You also have been given an ability which you did not have before that is to be used in your service to God. God has something that only YOU can do for Him and He has equipped you to be able to do that.

### **I. SPECIAL ABILITIES ARE GIFTS OF GOD (*Acts 17:25*)**

1. Upon receiving a gift from God, that makes the one receiving the gift, a "steward" of that gift.
2. God gives special abilities to His Children for the purpose of glorifying Him. (*John 15:5*)

### **II. EVERYONE HAS ORDINARY COMMON ABILITIES**

1. Common, everyday abilities are necessary and very important and everyone has them.
2. When everyday abilities are used for the Lord, they become means of ministry and service.
3. Regardless of what some think, nothing is too small for God to use.

### **III. SOME PEOPLE DO HAVE RARE, UNCOMMON ABILITIES**

1. Sometimes God does give unusual, uncommon, rare abilities to one of His Children.  
(*Exodus 31:3-6*)
2. Unknown to most people, there are many, many Christians today who have unusual, rare and uncommon abilities, all given by God for His special use.

### **IV. HIDING OR DENYING A GOD-GIVEN ABILITY IS NOT GOOD**

1. Jesus tells of a man who hid an ability. (*Matthew 25:14-30*)
2. God plans to use every ability He gives to His Children.
3. The best benefits from abilities come when they are used as God wants them to be used.

### **V. EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS AT LEAST ONE GOD-GIVEN GIFT TO BE USED FOR HIM**

1. Every saved person has a special ability for serving the Church.
2. Christians do not have the same gifts, similar, but each is different.
3. The gifts differ, but it is God who selects and gives each believer his/her gift.

4. *1 Corinthians 12:14* - God uses our bodies to explain how His gifts are to work .
5. God's gifts are not to be used personally, selfishly, but specifically for use in His Church.

## **VI. BLESSINGS FOLLOW UPON DISCOVERING AND USING THE GOD-GIVEN GIFT**

1. Jesus' needs were met when He used His abilities to glorify God many times (woman at the well).
2. Each Christian is responsible only for the gift he/she has, but responsible for any gift God gives.
3. Every Christian needs to discover his/her gift and begin to use it for God and God's Church.
4. All gifts from God are wonderful, especially for others.
5. As you use your God-given gift, your skills in using that gift will grow.
6. Upon discovering/finding your God-given gift, USE IT!

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Being a good steward begins with a thankful acceptance of whatever God has given you.
2. Our stewardship of God-given abilities will end only when we stand before the Lord some day.
3. *"..Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do with all your might..." (Eccl. 9:10)*
4. God has great plans for our Church family, but He needs every one of us to use our particular gift that He has given each of us. Let's find that gift and go to work.