



Using Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4:11-13

Any person who claims to know Christ as Savior has a responsibility. They're to use his or her God-given talents and gifts for His glory. Serving the Lord is not a suggestion but a command. To maximize our success as servants, the very same Spirit who gives us our spiritual gift helps us put it to use. When the motivation to reach our full potential for the Lord is mixed with the desire to use a spiritual gift, we become a powerful force in God's kingdom.

We are His workmanship, specifically created to honor Him with good works. (Ephesians 2:10) What a waste if we're too lazy to discover what special ability He has given us. Service for God takes place with endless variety. Different believers will use their various gifts in unique ways. And, no one is limited to serving in a church. We can walk out into secular culture and find thousands of ways to apply our combination of skill and gifting.

Some opportunities will fit us perfectly, while others will be more suited for another servant. Our inborn talents and abilities supplement our spiritual gift and may help us find our calling. The most obvious place to begin exercising our gift is in an area that interests us.

Whether your service involves sweeping floors or coaching soccer at your children's school, the Holy Spirit will use your spiritual gift to spread the Gospel and bring glory to God. But the benefits also extend to believers. The people who enjoy life most are those who obey the call to serve and make their life count for the Lord.