

**Generous:** “*the quality or state of being generous.*” That is to “*give or share in abundance without hesitation.*”

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8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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**“We All Win When  
You Give the Gift God  
Gave You.”**

# **Have the Right ATTITUDE**

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**BE HUMBLE!**

**WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM!**

*"Every single player matters.  
Every single player can change  
the course of the game..."*

*"That's why everybody, even  
the ones who are going to be  
on the sideline, have to go into  
the stadium completely  
prepared to be the person who  
wins the game for  
us...Ultimately, the team has to  
come first even though we all  
have individual goals and  
preferences..."*



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YOUR GIFT IS NOT FOR YOU.

That Greek word for “Grace” is “Charis”. (*“favor, disposed to, inclined, favorable towards, leaning towards to share benefit”*)

The Greek word for “Gifts” there is “Charisma”. (*“the operation of grace or divine favor”*). Note the suffix “-ma”, which focuses on the end-result of the endowment of grace.

## **1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)**

Each of you should use whatever's gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

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**USE YOUR GIFT!**

- Prophecy
- Serving
- Teaching
- Encouraging
- Giving
- Leading
- Showing Mercy

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SINCERE LOVE

WITH DEVOTION

**WITH HONOR**

## **Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)**

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

*“Jesus considers it far more important to be reconciled to a brother than to perform a religious duty.... We can’t think that our service towards the Lord justifies bad relationships with others.”*

**- David Gudzik**



# What Will You Do?

- Will you be another church consumer concerned only with getting?
- Will you trumpet your gift as the greatest gift and in arrogance lord your gift over people?
- Will you, with false modesty, simply detach and withhold your gift?

....OR....



# What Will You Do?

- Will you investigate and activate your gift?!
- Will you, with love and devotion, honor God by giving the gift and grace of God in you?
- Will you decide that, ***“I’m going to lock arms with my family and together, by God’s grace, we’re going to serve one another other and build each other up.”***



# **1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)**

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

# **1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)**

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.