

## How should I use my spiritual gifts?

By Dr. Charles Stanley

Would you like to learn to use your spiritual gift? Then you must find a place to serve. It is in the practice of your gift that you will best learn to use it. Peter wrote, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10). The emphasis is on using our gifts to serve others, not ourselves.

Once again we are reminded that no one is a spiritual island. Our spiritual progress, as well as the progress of the whole church, hinges on our willingness to work together. What about you? Are you using your gift for the common good of the body? Are you encouraging other members of your church to use their gifts?

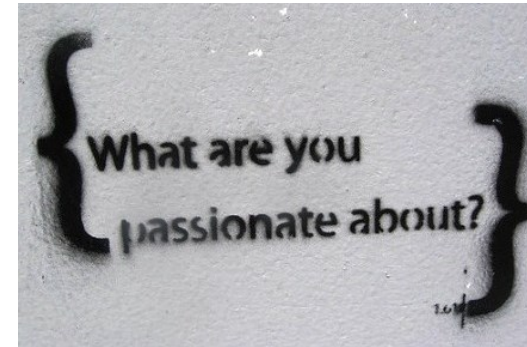
Peter was so convinced that God ministers directly through our gifts that he said the person who has a speaking gift should speak as if he was actually speaking for God. The one with a gift of service will serve with the strength of God. This explains a phenomenon I have seen in churches all over the country. When people serve within the context of their spiritual gifts, they seem to do so effortlessly. There is little stress. And they don't tire easily. They emerge from their service with such excitement that they are generally ready for more. On the other hand, assign that same job description to someone who isn't gifted for it and it becomes dreadfully stressful.

I know a man who attends a Sunday school class where they take turns teaching the lesson. He loves the Lord and loves his class, but teaching is not his gift. He dreads the Sunday he is assigned to teach. In his words, "I would rather cut a truckload of wood!" Some misinformed soul may hear a comment like that and be tempted to say, "Well, I guess he isn't very committed!" But nothing could be farther from the truth. It's not a question of commitment. It's a question of giftedness.

For all of us, busyness has become the rule rather than the exception. Sunday may be the only time you can do things as a family. If you travel during the week, you may need Sunday afternoon to prepare for the following week. Other commitments may make it impossible for you to attend the midweek service at your church or serve on any committees. But these don't excuse you from your responsibility to the body of Christ.

You have an important role, a role only you can fill. Your God-given gift may serve you well in your secular pursuits. But those must be secondary to your involvement in God's work. It is God's will for you to be exercising your gifts for the common good of His people.

Do you know what your spiritual gift is?



February 9th, 2014



In **UNITY** through:

- A **LOVE** that works
- A spirit of **PRAYER**
- A commitment to **EQUIP**
- A growth in **RELATIONSHIPS**
- A lifestyle of **WORSHIP**



Please Pray for...

- Coolbaugh's granddaughter, Aubrey-recovering from health issues
- Stephanie Mulhollen's sister-recovering from a work related accident
- Stephanie Dean's cousin, Kayleigh-recovering from cranial surgery
- Family of David Morris
- Steckiel family
- Mary Kendall's family- Mary's mom passed away
- Byron Gowin, being treated for leukemia
- Donna Zimmer, recovering from a stroke. Cards of encouragement can be sent to: Donna Zimmer, Bradford County Manor, 15900 Route 6, Troy, PA 16947
- Lynda Homet-recovering from retinal eye surgery. Cards of encouragement can be sent to Lynda's home: 167 Tinks Drive, Granville Smt. PA 16926



**Thanks for worshipping with us  
today, February 9th, 2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- 1st-time Guest    Returning Guest
- Married    Single    College    Teen

**I would like information about:**

- Beginning a relationship with God
  - Baptism
  - Membership
  - THRIVE Groups (Life Groups)
  - Kids Info (through 6th grade)
  - Teens Info (5th-12th grade)
  - Serving Opportunities
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like prayer for:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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- For Staff Only
- For Church-wide Prayer Chain

*Please bring this card to the welcome counter located by the auditorium doors and pick up a welcome pkt. and gift.*


# Welcome to Fellowship


We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If this is your first time with us, we are especially happy to welcome you and we hope you feel right at home. Our goals this morning are to worship God, to listen to God's Word speak to us, and then go out and live for Him this week. Please feel free to fill out the tear off communication card and place it in the offering box located by the auditorium doors so we can get to know you! You can learn more about us and what we believe at [www.fbctpa.com](http://www.fbctpa.com). Please stop by the welcome center in the lobby to pick up a welcome packet and gift.

## TODAY: Sunday-February 9th, 2014


*Sunday School: 9:30am - (PreK-Adult)*

*Worship Service: 10:30am - Speaker: Pastor Mark*

 Nursery (Birth-2 yrs.) Located down the hall on the left

 Spark Kids Church (3yrs.-4th Grade) Located at the end of the hall

We ask that children be signed in/out of Nursery/Kids Church by an adult

 **Student Ministries: YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!**

6:30pm—8:00pm at the church  
(5th—12th grade)



## BUSINESS MEETING/DISCUSSION TIME TODAY

The annual business meeting will be today following the worship service. We will take some time after the meeting for input as well as discussion on how we can better implement the Vision Statement into all areas of ministry. The meeting and discussion time will be for members and non-members. At the annual business meeting the members will be voting on the annual budget, constitutional changes and a slate of offices. Please plan on staying for the meeting and participating in a very important aspect in the life of the fellowship family.

Questions- see Pastor Carl or Jamie Brookover!



We are making some changes to our Kid's Church (age 3 through 4th grade) program starting today!

- Parents are asked to pick up their children after Sunday School
- Children will not report to Kid's church until after the singing portion of the worship service. Kids will get the opportunity to join their families for this part of the worship service!
- We are trying a new approach to teaching using learning stations! We think it will be a great way for kid's to learn age appropriately!

## CONNECTIONS

Connections is a group for the young adults, young married and young families of Fellowship. Connections meets at the church from 6:45 to 7:45 PM, on Wednesdays. Childcare is provided.

## SONSHINERS



The SonShiners will meet for Bible study this Tuesday, February, 11th, 10:30am. All senior citizens are invited to attend! Seniors meet on the 2nd and 4th Tues. of each month.

**Offerings:** Here at Fellowship we believe that financial giving is a free-will act of worship and, therefore our desire is that we give freely with cheerful hearts to care for the financial needs of Fellowship. Our offering boxes are located in the back of the auditorium and the lobby. Giving envelopes are available for tax deductible giving. Please contact the church office for details. Thank you for your faithful giving.

February month to date offering: \$1,475.00

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