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Series: So You Wanna Be the Greatest?
Part 4: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
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1. What are the six reasons Ted listed for why people aren't serving in their local church? (**I don't have a place. I can't find my place. I have nothing to offer. They seem to have everything covered. That's what pastors and church staff are for. I'm still recovering from my last church.**) Can you think of other reasons?

2. In what ways have you served the church through the years? What was your favorite way? Why?

3. The following is the definition given for "spiritual gift": "A special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at their conversion, to be used to minister to others and therefore build up the Body of Christ. Although spiritual gifts are given when the Holy Spirit enters new believers, their use and purpose need to be understood and developed as we grow spiritually."

Are you able to distinguish between a gift given you at conversion by the Holy Spirit and your natural God-given talents? Does it matter?

3. What are the spiritual gifts listed in I Corinthians 12:7-11 and Romans 12:6-8?

I Corinthians 12:7-11

wisdom - insight into doctrinal truth

knowledge - applying doctrinal truth to life

faith - usual measure of trust

healing - restore health

miraculous powers - exorcising demons

prophecy - declare a message of God for His people

distinguishing between spirits - discerning between the Word of God and a doctrine of demons

tongues - speak in an unlearned, living language

interpretation - translate unlearned, known language

Romans 12:6-8 (See underlining.)

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is **prophesying**, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is **serving**, then serve; if it is **teaching**, then teach; 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.

4. What are some important points Ted made about spiritual gifts? (**They are not for ourselves but to serve others; everyone has a gift but not all gifts; gifts are to provide unity; every gift is significant.**)

5. What is the difference in gifts like mercy, generosity, and encouragement being a “spiritual gift” or a “spiritual responsibility”?
6. What natural gifts and talents has God given you? How can these be used in the church?
7. What do other say your gifts are?
8. What areas of service seem to call to you?
9. Have you witnessed others using their spiritual gifts? How does their service point you to God?
10. What are three ways Ted gave at the end of his message to discover our spiritual gifts? (**Start serving, seek input from others, and study for ourselves.**)