

# Using Your Gifts to Serve God

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The Bible is very clear about using our gift(s) to serve God. “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them...*” (Romans 12:6). As members of the Karns family we are “members in one body” but have different functions (vs. 4). Therefore, we should use the gifts God has given us to complement each other in service to the Lord.

We are blessed to have many members with a diverse range of gifts who use those gifts to serve God. Some have the gift to work with special needs children, bringing joy to them and their families. Others have the gift to minister to widows, widowers and shut-ins. Some are suited to comforting the bereaved in times of sorrow. The ability to mentor children who are in need of loving adult companionship is a precious gift of God. We have many members skilled in teaching and preaching, and still others who travel to faraway lands to spread the gospel.

What is your gift? Everyone has a gift that should be used to serve God. Romans 12:6 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 are very clear about this. “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.” Each one of us must determine what our gift is.

Are you using your gift or abilities to serve God? If not, why not? Your gift can make the difference in someone’s life. Your abilities can contribute greatly to the body of Christ. What prevents you from using the gift God has given you? The elders exhort you to determine what your gifts and abilities are and use them to serve the Lord.

We are all members of the same body, with different functions (Romans 12:4). God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased (1 Cor. 12:18). To function properly, each member must perform as required by God.

The elders love you and pray for continually.

For the elders,  
Tony Turner