



# GIFTED

GRACE, THE SPIRIT, AND YOUR CALLING



Part 5

**“Our Deepest Fear Is Not That We Are  
Inadequate. Our Deepest Fear Is That We Are  
Powerful Beyond Measure.”**

**Marianne Williamson**

# **A Living Sacrifice**

## **Romans 12:1**

**1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God —this is your true and proper worship.

## **2 Peter 1:3**

### **Confirming One's Calling and Election**

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

# ROMANS 12:2

**2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**CONSIDER YOUR GIFTS NOT IN A  
SUPERIORITY OR INFERIORITY  
CONTEXT RATHER IN A  
SUPERIOR-GOD CONTEXT**

**WHERE THE WORLD BOASTS,  
WE COMPLIMENT**

**WHERE THE WORLD  
SELF-PROMOTES,  
WE EDIFY**

**WHERE THE WORLD TEARS  
DOWN, WE BUILD EACH  
OTHER UP**

**WHERE THE WORLD DISHONORS,  
WE GIVE HONOR**

**Point 1:**

**Connect to Your Giftedness**

## Romans 12:4-8

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] 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,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

## Matthew 25:21

21 'Well done, good and faithful servant!  
You have been faithful with a few things; I  
will put you in charge of many things. Come  
and share your master's happiness!'

## **Matthew 25:24-30**

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.

Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything you gave me’.”

By Erma Bombeck

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