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What Has God Placed In Your Hands?

November Series: Live Generously
Week Focus: Grace First

Scripture – 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) – *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

DEVOTIONAL REFLECTION

YOU CANNOT FAITHFULLY STEWARD WHAT YOU REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE. Sometimes we overlook the resources and opportunities God has entrusted to us because we are too focused on what someone else possesses. We may admire another person's abilities, financial resources, influence, or opportunities while discounting the ways God has equipped us. Yet 1 Peter 4:10 reminds believers that each person has received gifts that should be used to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.

Stewardship begins with recognizing that what we possess has been entrusted to us by God. Our time, abilities, relationships, opportunities, and financial resources should not be viewed merely as instruments for personal advancement. They can also become means of serving others and bringing glory to God. The gift itself may look different from person to person, but the responsibility to use what God has entrusted to us faithfully remains important.

Consider how many meaningful acts of generosity begin with something ordinary. A conversation can encourage someone who feels forgotten. A practical skill can help a family facing a challenge. An hour of someone's time can relieve another person's burden. Responsible financial support can help meet a genuine need. None of these actions requires us to become someone else or possess resources God has not given us. They require a willing heart and the wisdom to recognize opportunities already within our reach.

Tomorrow, as we prepare to continue our *Live Generously* series with **WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND?**, begin considering that question personally. What has God already entrusted to you? What have you been overlooking because it seems too small or ordinary? And how might that resource become a blessing to someone else? **FAITHFUL GENEROSITY OFTEN BEGINS WHEN WE STOP DISCOUNTING WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY PLACED IN OUR HANDS.**

🔥 FOCUS FOR TODAY

RECOGNIZE THE GIFT. REMEMBER THE GIVER. RESPOND WITH LOVE.

🛠️ PRACTICE

- Write down three things God has entrusted to you: one ability, one resource, and one opportunity.
- Identify one person or genuine need you could serve using something from your list, considering what would be helpful and appropriate.
- Choose one practical step you can take to use that gift or resource to bless someone, and determine when you will follow through.

🙏 PRAYER

Father, thank You for the gifts, abilities, resources, and opportunities You have entrusted to me. Forgive me for comparing myself with others or overlooking what You have already provided. Open my eyes to opportunities to serve, and give me a willing heart to use what I have for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

✍️ REFLECTION QUESTION

What have I been overlooking or discounting that God could use to bless someone else?