

GIFTING

"Pastor, how do I know whether I am truly gifted or not?" We are all "gifted" whether we like it or not! God the Father, in His supreme wisdom, has distributed unique gifts to all His children. Right now, you have a divine "gift" (a grace) in you that God prepared before time began. He knew exactly what you would need in order to be effective in His Kingdom. However, in troubled times it's so easy to lose sight of the fact that God has given each of us a unique gift; and this gift not only brings fulfillment to our lives but great blessing to others. We are all "gifted", and when we use our gifts as God intended, they demonstrate the glorious riches of His grace.

Therefore, you must learn to value your "gift", and trust God to help you develop it. There is a place in your "gifting" (calling) which fulfills the purpose for which you were born. No one else can take that place! That's why you are so valuable to God's kingdom. The Lord wants your gift to develop and mature, so it's continually tested by fire to prove it's worth and bring you to where He wants you to be. That is, in the presence of the great. Yes, your gift has the ability to bring you into a place of great influence. If you take your eyes off the circumstances, the problems that surround you, and look at the "gift" inside you and the "grace" upon your life, you will see that the flame is burning bright!

With some it may be small, but all it needs is the fanning of confidence and contentment to see it burst into a flaming furnace. So don't let frustration or lack of expression stop you from using the precious gift you have. If you honour what God has already honoured you with, He will lift you up by making room for your gift. Hidden within each of us is one of the most powerful tools 'unknown' to mankind. Something that has the ability to change the course of history - for you, your family and those who live in your lifetime. This tool is the unique "gift" that God has given you personally. Note, the gift is in you but you have the responsibility to "stir it up." The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, ***"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you"*** (2 Timothy 1:6). In the New King James Version of the Bible, the verse is translated, ***"Stir up the gift of God."***

Your "gift" is not something you need to discover, it is something you must stir up! No one else can activate your gift for you. You have to do it yourself. Proverbs 17:8; ***"A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; wherever he turns, he prospers."*** In other words, a gift is like a precious stone to the one who has it, and wherever he/she stirs it up, it creates prosperity. God has deposited a treasure in you – but do you treasure that treasure? I challenge you to stir up your gift and start using it today. If you truly value what God has given you, you will keep using, and if you keep using it, it will keep prospering you.