

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Gifted - Part 3 Giving God Your Best

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### Introduction

Each member in the body of Christ has been generously gifted to serve with unique skills, passions and talents. We are called to serve God with our best efforts and the first fruits of our time. What does God expect from us when we stand before him eventually? What can we do in order to hear him say “Well done, good and faithful servant”?

**Read:** Ephesians 2:10 and Matthew 25:14-30

### Discuss

1. If you did not have any financial commitments, what profession or vocation would you pursue which is community service related? Or which non-for-profit would you love work for? Often this may indicate your giftings and passion.
2. Ephesians 2:10 says that we are created for “good works”. What are some examples of “good works” you think is evident in church – name a few that which has really blessed you and helped you grow spiritually.
3. In the parable of talents, what was the reward and recognition given to the servants who doubled the talents that were given to them? How does increased responsibilities help us grow more spiritually?
4. Why did the servant with one talent bury it? Why might a person not use their talents which God had given them?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What does this say to you personally about serving God with your best?
6. Read Romans 12: 4–8. What examples of gifts are shown in this passage of scripture? Do any of these gifts resonate with you? How then should we serve?

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## **Respond**

Everyone in the Body of Christ has been given talents, just as each part of the human body has a role and function. The body would not be able to function healthily if any part ceased to function. Conversely, when each part works in unity, the body will be functioning most effectively to expand the kingdom of God.

Here at Crossway, there are a multitude of ways to serve – from people leadership roles to administrative roles and creative roles. Which areas do you feel challenged to serve in? Contact the Next Step's lounge and register your interest, or fill out an inquiry at the Crossway webpage ("Contact Us"): [crossway.org.au/contact](https://crossway.org.au/contact)