

Discover Your Giftedness
Series of Articles by Dr. Mels Carbonell #5
Every child is gifted . . .

The following is part of a series of articles to help you Discover Your Giftedness in Christ. The first portion is just a short introduction to the longer article. The rest of this article can be read on the internet.

Every man has his proper gift of God. 1 Corinthians 7:7

Being gifted is nothing new. It is as old as the Holy Scriptures. Identifying and understanding our giftedness is not a modern psychological discovery. It's an ancient truth for modern times!

There's also a misconception that certain gifts are better than others. There are now "gifted programs" in many schools, suggesting that the gifts that some students have are more important than those of their peers.

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Every child is gifted—naturally. And every child of God is also gifted—supernaturally. God gives every person a good gift—his or her personality at conception. Additionally, God gives everyone who trusts Him as Savior the exact gifts he or she needs at new birth.

- God only gives perfect gifts—"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).
- God gives gifts to us so that we might be the "firstfruits of His creation" (James 1:18). In other words, we are obviously special to God because He made our giftedness a priority in creation.

The psalmist reminds us, "It is He who has made us and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3). Scripture also reveals and underscores God's truth about our lives: we are "wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Our giftedness reflects the unique way we think, feel, and act. It's the way God made or "wired" us. We all have God-given personalities that affect our natural motivations. As Christians, we also have spiritual gifts that influence our supernatural motivations. Identifying our giftedness can be exciting and enlightening.

Society and human nature often make people feel as though they are not gifted. Some may doubt the idea that they are special, but this is not true. Actually, everyone is gifted. We may not feel special, but we are—not because of what we do or say but because of who lives in us and who is motivating us through the gifts of His Spirit.

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