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Grace Group Discussion Guide

“The Receiving of Resources & Gifts”
2 Timothy 1:6–8
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Questions

Every believer is supernaturally gifted by God.

1. How important is it for every believer to understand what their spiritual gift/s is?
2. What should you do if you are unsure what your spiritual gifts are?

Every believer is to use their spiritual gifts
Read the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

3. What keeps me from faithfully using the spiritual gifts God has entrusted to me?
4. What is one specific step I can take this week to exercise the gifts God has given me? How can I “pour gas on the fire” and intentionally cultivate the gifts God has given me?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 2:3–5. Are you surprised that the Apostle Paul described himself as being “in weakness and in fear and much trembling”? Why or why not?
6. What does Paul’s example teach us about responding to fear and insecurity in our own hearts?
7. How can I choose faithfulness and obedience when I feel inadequate, fearful, or unqualified?

Every believer must recognize God's sovereignty in the giving of gifts
Consider that Paul was in prison when he wrote the second letter to Timothy and exhorted him “to fan into flame the gift of God”.

8. What excuses are you tempted to make for neglecting or underusing the spiritual gifts God has given you?
9. Are you ever tempted to compare your gifts with the gifts you see in others?
10. How does confidence in God’s sovereignty help us resist comparison, envy, or discontentment?
11. When you feel discouraged or dissatisfied with the gifts God has given you, how can you fight those thoughts with biblical truth?
12. What would it look like for you to faithfully steward the gifts God has entrusted to you—regardless of how they compare with someone else’s gifts?

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Missions Prayer Requests – Stepanian Family

1. Please pray for revival in East Africa! Pray that God would pour out his Spirit and that many souls would come to Christ and be saved!
2. Please pray for our local church to be strengthened in knowledge of the Word, in wisdom, in practicing the one-another's, and by the addition of more qualified Elders.
3. Please pray for our hearts as we grieve the loss of Nina and Jack; and for faithfulness at home as we continue to train and teach, discipline and disciple the 10 kids around our table.
4. Please pray for the remainder of 2026 - That John Paul and Sarah would reengage the life of the ministry, our personal responsibilities, and all the opportunities for loving and serving and teaching and leading that the Lord gives to us as we finish out this year. And also for the youth conference in Karuma in December: for faithful and fruitful ministry.