



“Timely Talents-Eternal Gifts”

“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Romans 12:3-5

1. We all have gifts we are born with! Everyone is born with special talents that come from God. What are some of the gifts you believe God has given you?

2. Psalm 139:14 tells us “**I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.**” You are a wonderful creation of God, with wonderful gifts. The key is to remember our gifts come from God and we can’t think of ourselves more highly than we should. What are some ways you can honor God with your gifts you noticed in question #2?

3. Romans 11:29 tells us “**For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable.**” What does this tell you about the trust God places in you to hold your gifts? How can you show gratitude toward Him for that trust?

4. God gave you your gifts on...PURPOSE! He knew what He was doing when He placed those talents in you! Knowing that God placed those gifts in you, what does that tell you about the plan He has for your life? What does it tell you about the challenges He allows to come your way?

5. Romans 12:3 tells us not to think too highly of ourselves, but soberly. The word in the original text for soberly is *sophroneo*, which means of sound mind, moderate. The meaning is that we should be balanced in our self-estimation, not thinking too highly of ourselves, but not thinking too lowly either because we are wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). What are some ways we can be balanced in our self-evaluation, without thinking too highly or too lowly of ourselves?
