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The earth
BELONGS to the LORD.
And so does EVERYTHING
in it.

—Psalm 24:1 (adapted from the NiRV)

The world
BELONGS to the LORD.
And so do ALL who live in it.

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Year 3, Unit 4

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In the space below, jot
down, as fast as you can,
all the things that “belong”
to you:

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This belongs to...



Stewardship: A way of life in which we regard everything as coming from God, and in gratitude try to care for, share, and enjoy all of these good gifts.

Every good and perfect gift is from God.

—James 1:17a (NIRV)

GOLD

GIVE

TAKE

SHARE

ENJOY



PREVIEW

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

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You have made them a little lower
than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works
of your hands;

you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

—Psalm 8:1,3-9

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! —Psalm 8:1

Read the verses below as you spend time in silent prayer praising God's name...

You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

—Nehemiah 9:6

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How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. —Psalm 104:24

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours....

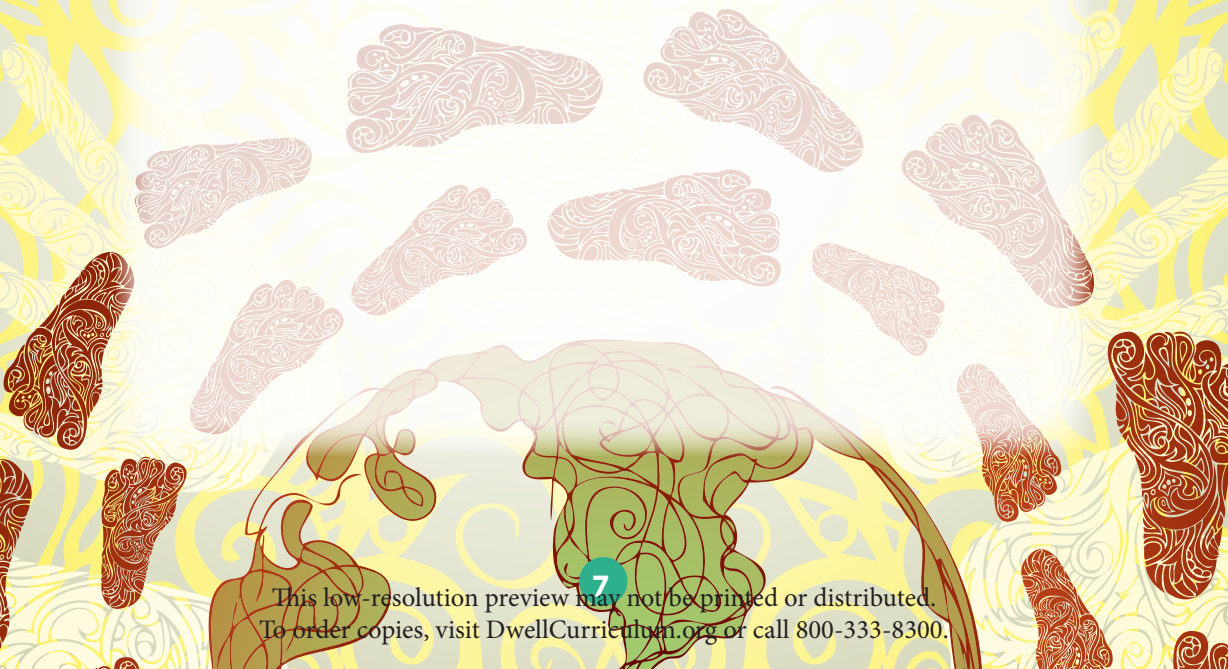
—1 Chronicles 29:11

Read through the verses a second time and circle the words or phrases that stand out to you. Now write your own sentence of praise in the space below:

When I consider your heavens, the work of
your fingers, the moon and the stars, which
you have set in place...—Psalm 8:3

Using art supplies, take a few minutes to draw a picture of the night
sky—however you'd like it to look.

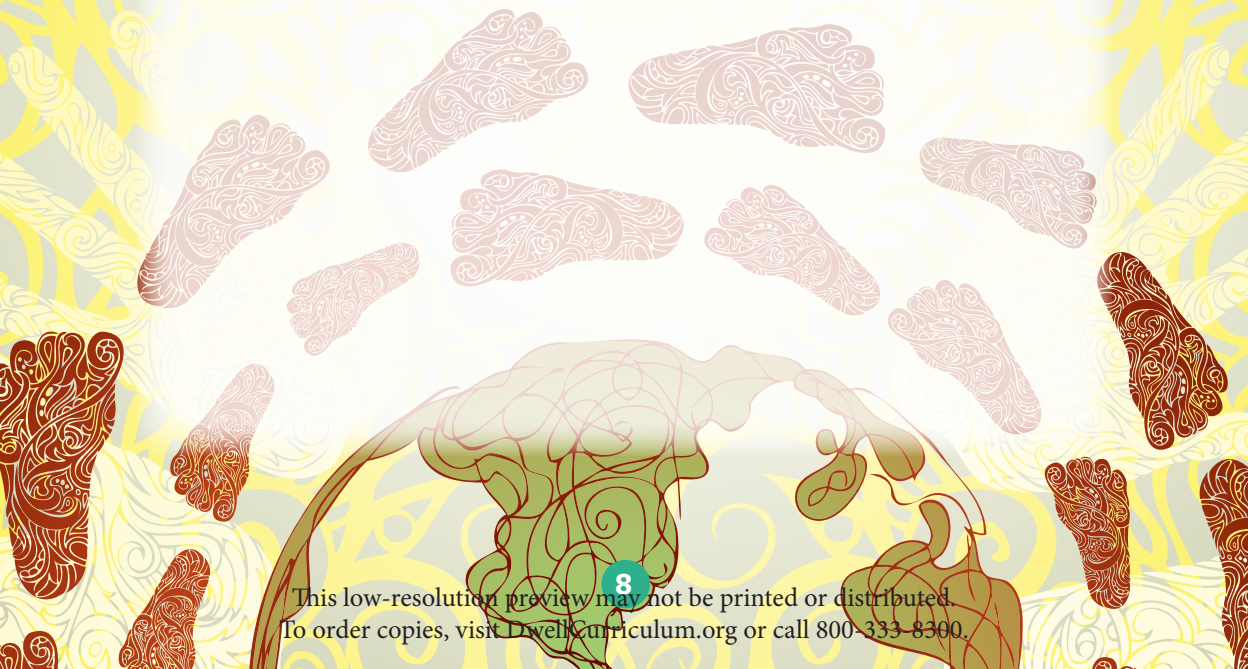
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What is mankind that you are
mindful of them, human beings that you
care for them?—Psalm 8:4

Now draw a picture of yourself (it's OK if it's just a stick figure).

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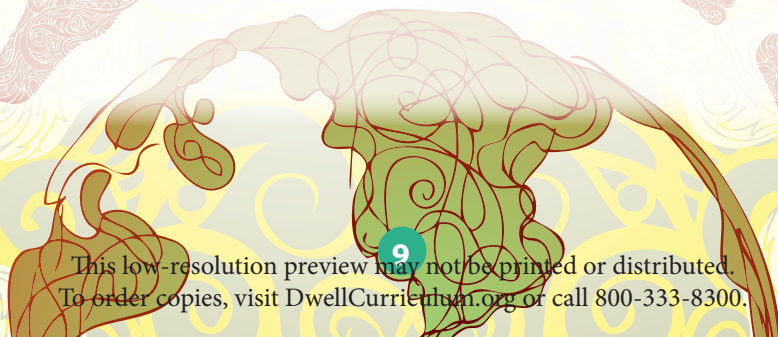


You made them rulers over the works of
your hands; you put everything under their
feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of
the wild, the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea, all that swim the
paths of the seas.—Psalm 8:6-8

Add a crown to the picture of yourself. Write the title “ruler” and an
arrow pointing to your picture.

Make a list below of some ideas you have for how you might take care
of God's world.

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Jesus says...

I tell you, do not worry. Don't worry about _____
and _____.

And don't worry about _____ and _____.

Isn't there more to life than _____?

Aren't there more important things than _____?

Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying?

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So don't worry....

But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you. Don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of the time...

—Ephesians 5:15-16a, NRSV

Think of all the things you do on a typical day and list them, along with how long it takes you to do each thing. Next to each activity, draw one of the following symbols:



time spent taking care of myself (taking a shower, brushing teeth, eating, sleeping, exercising, etc.)



time spent with gadgets (watching TV, computer, texting, video games)



time spent with God (attending worship service, church school, youth group, praying, listening to praise music, reading the Bible or devotional book)



time spent working (going to school, homework, chores)



time spent with family or friends having fun or enjoying a hobby



time spent serving others or volunteering



time spent alone (thinking, reading)

Activity **Time Spent** **Symbol**

Eat breakfast 7-7:15am ☺

I use my time wisely when I _____.

To be a steward of the time God has given me, I want to stop _____ so often and start _____ more.

Take my life,
and let it be
Consecrated,
Lord, to Thee;
**Take my moments
and my days,**
Let them flow in
ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in
ceaseless praise.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874.

Spiritual gifts are special abilities, distributed by the Holy Spirit to every believer, according to God's design and grace, for the common good of the body of Christ.

God's **gifts** of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a **gift** in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.

—1 Peter 4:10 (NIRV)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say and in how you live.... Don't fail to use the **gift** the Holy Spirit gave you.

—1 Timothy 4:12a,14a
(NIRV)

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What Are Your Spiritual Gifts?

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The questionnaire below will help you discover what your spiritual gift(s) might be.

Rate each statement from 1 to 5:

1= very little; the statement is 0-20% true of me

2=little; the statement is 20-40% true of me

3=some; the statement is 40-60% true of me

4=much; the statement is 60-80% true of me

5=very much; the statement is 80-100% true of me

Read each statement and check the box that fits best. Answer honestly—no one else needs to see your responses. Don't think too hard; your first response is usually the best.

very little

little

some

much

very much

1. When a teacher assigns a group project, I like being in charge.

2. I am good at one or more of these things: acting, writing, music, dance, sewing, finding new ways to do things.

3. I can tell when people are saying things that aren't true about God or the Bible.

4. When friends are down or have a problem, I'm often the person they come to.

5. I like to talk about Jesus.

6. I usually know what God would want me to do in a situation, even when other people might not be sure.

7. When our church or school has a service project to help others, I volunteer to help, or I give food or money or whatever they need.

8. When new kids join our class at school or church, I'm one of the first to make friends with them.

9. When people ask me to pray for them, I do—more than once.

10. When I'm working in a small group, I help the other people in the group do their best.

PREVIEW

very little

little

some

much

very much

11. When someone is going through a hard time, I feel sorry for her and often help her in some way.

12. I'm not afraid to talk to people about God.

13. In a group project, I like to do the "behind the scenes" jobs.

14. When someone has a question about God or the Bible, I can usually explain things clearly enough to answer the question.

15. I like to plan group projects.

16. If I had the chance, I'd like to use my writing, drawing, musical, acting, or other artistic ability at school or church.

17. When someone says something about God or the Bible that I don't believe is true, I feel very uneasy.

18. I would like to help people at church or at school who are going through a hard time.

19. If I had the chance, I'd like to talk to people who don't know Jesus.

20. When I have a problem, I don't get too upset, because God always helps me through it.

PREVIEW

very little

little

some

much

very much

21. When my school has a project to help people who are poor or hungry, I want to help.

22. When someone new comes to school or church, I'd like to help him feel welcome.

23. When someone has a prayer request, I try to remember to pray about it.

24. The next time my school or church has a special project, I'd like to help lead the group working on the project from start to finish.

25. When I see someone with a disability, I'd like to help.

26. I believe that the Bible talks a lot about everyday situations. When an issue comes up in class or with friends, I feel I should say what the Bible teaches about that issue.

27. I can tell when people need help, and I want to help them in any way I can.

28. I'd enjoy teaching a small child a Bible story, or helping a friend understand something from the Bible.

29. When I lead a group project, I like to plan so that everyone has a job to do and gets it done.

PREVIEW

very little

little

some

much

very much

30. I know I have artistic (or musical or dramatic) ability, and I'm often able to use it at church or at school.

31. I can tell when someone is phony, even when others don't notice.

32. I sometimes notice that people are mean to somebody. After I talk with them, they don't act so mean.

33. I've been able to help someone accept Jesus as Savior.

34. I've gone through some hard situations in my life, but I know God helped me.

35. I give money or I work for good causes when I see that people need it.

36. When new people come to school or to church, I know I can help them feel comfortable there.

37. I pray for people who ask for prayer because I know that God hears and helps.

38. When there's work to be done or a project to do with a group of people, I enjoy leading the group and helping them finish the project.

39. When someone has a physical problem or needs help, I like to help.

40. Sometimes I feel I have to say what the Bible says about certain issues.

PREVIEW

very little

little

some

much

very much

41. When a group is working on a project, there are often a lot of details to take care of. I like doing these things for the group.

42. Sometimes when our class is having a discussion, everyone seems confused. Usually I can say something that helps everyone understand.

43. I'd enjoy being in charge of an important activity at school or church.

44. I know that I could use my artistic or musical or dramatic or writing abilities at school or at church.

45. I can tell when people are pretending to be different than they really are.

46. I'm a good listener when people are having a hard time.

47. When I know that someone is not a Christian, I want to help that person know Jesus.

48. I seem to know when it would be better to stop trying to figure out a problem, and pray about it instead.

49. If someone needs something I can give, I'm usually happy to give it.

PREVIEW

very little

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some

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very much

50. When new people visit at church or at school, I know what I can do to help them feel comfortable.

51. I know God listens to my prayers, and I want to help others through my prayers.

52. If I had the chance, I'd like to lead a group to get a project done.

53. When I see people who are miserable, I want to find a way to let them know that God and others love them.

54. If I have the chance, I would like to become a minister or youth pastor or missionary.

55. I like to do things that help other people.

56. I like to explain things to kids at school who don't get it yet.

57. When there are jobs for a group project, I'm good at knowing who would be good for each job.

58. People have told me that they enjoy my artistic (or dramatic or writing or musical) abilities.

59. I usually know if something that is going on, or something someone says, is good or bad.

PREVIEW

very little

little

some

much

very much

60. I'm happy when other kids come to me for help with a problem of some kind.

61. I'm able to talk about Jesus to people who don't know him. When I do, they seem to understand.

62. Even when things seem hopeless, I still believe God can do all things.

63. I enjoy helping people by giving my money or my time.

64. I like to invite new kids at school to join me and my friends.

65. I know that I help others when I pray for them, because I know God hears my prayers.

66. I know I'm a good leader because I've helped a group accomplish a project from start to finish.

67. I know that I've helped some people with problems by spending time with them.

68. I think it's important to talk to people about spiritual things, and I enjoy it.

69. I think it's important to do things for others, and I'm happy when I have a chance to do it.

PREVIEW

very little

little

some

much

very much

70. When I explain a homework assignment to other kids, they seem to understand it better when I'm finished.

71. I know when a group project needs better organization to get finished.

72. I think I have creative ability.

73. I can usually tell if someone isn't telling the truth.

74. I'd be willing to talk with someone who is going through a hard time.

75. I can tell when someone doesn't know Jesus Christ, and I feel bad about it.

76. The Bible says that faith can move mountains. Even though it seems impossible to move mountains, that statement makes sense to me because God can do anything.

77. Even though either my parents or I pay for everything we own, I think that everything really comes from God. I feel I should be responsible with what God has given me.

78. It doesn't bother me if new people are from a different race or culture or if they have different interests than I do. I enjoy making them feel welcome.

79. I'd be very happy if someone asked me to pray for her.

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very little

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some

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very much

80. I can tell when a group I'm in isn't getting its job done. Usually I'm the one who wants to do something about it.

81. I can tell when people feel bad or have problems they're trying to hide.

82. I think more Christians should speak out on important issues like abortion, racism, poverty, and so on.

83. I wish I had more chances to help people in the jobs they're doing.

84. I get excited about discovering new things, and I like to tell people about them.

PREVIEW

Step 1: Transfer your answers to the chart. There you'll see shaded boxes with the numbers of the questionnaire statements. They aren't all in numerical order, so stay sharp! In the blank after each shaded number, write the answer you gave on the questionnaire. For example, if you answered "very much (4)" to statement 1 on the questionnaire, write a 4 after the shaded number 1 on the key chart.

How to use the key chart

Step 3: Circle your four highest scores in the "working gifts" box. Write the names of those gifts in box A at the bottom of the page, starting with the highest score and going to the lowest.

Step 4: Now circle your four highest gifts in the "waiting gifts" box. If some are the same as your highest working gifts, don't count them. Go to the next highest waiting gift. In box B, write the names of those waiting gifts.

Step 2: After you finish step 1, look at the names of the spiritual gifts listed on the left side of the page. You've now written six numbers for each gift (not counting the shaded numbers)—three in the "working gifts" column and three in the "waiting gifts" column. Add the three numbers in the "working gifts" box and write the total in the "total" column. Do the same for the numbers in the "waiting gifts" box. (Don't add in the shaded numbers.) Each total should be no higher than 15.

key chart

Spiritual Gifts Working Gifts

	#	Ans	+	#	Ans	+	#	Ans	=	Total
Administration	01	_____	+	29	_____	+	57	_____	=	
Creative ability	02	_____	+	30	_____	+	58	_____	=	
Discernment	03	_____	+	31	_____	+	59	_____	=	
Encouragement	04	_____	+	32	_____	+	60	_____	=	
Evangelism	05	_____	+	33	_____	+	61	_____	=	
Faith	06	_____	+	34	_____	+	62	_____	=	
Giving	07	_____	+	35	_____	+	63	_____	=	
Hospitality	08	_____	+	36	_____	+	64	_____	=	
Intercession	09	_____	+	37	_____	+	65	_____	=	
Leadership	10	_____	+	38	_____	+	66	_____	=	
Mercy	11	_____	+	39	_____	+	65	_____	=	
Prophecy	12	_____	+	40	_____	+	68	_____	=	
Service	13	_____	+	41	_____	+	69	_____	=	
Teaching	14	_____	+	42	_____	+	70	_____	=	

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Box A: Working Gifts

These are gifts you are already using in some way.

Highest scored gift: _____
 2nd: _____
 3rd: _____
 4th: _____

Waiting Gifts

	#	Ans	+	#	Ans	+	#	Ans	=	Total
Administration	15	_____	+	43	_____	+	71	_____	=	PREVIEW
Creative ability	16	_____	+	44	_____	+	72	_____	=	
Discernment	17	_____	+	45	_____	+	73	_____	=	
Encouragement	18	_____	+	46	_____	+	74	_____	=	
Evangelism	19	_____	+	47	_____	+	75	_____	=	
Faith	20	_____	+	48	_____	+	76	_____	=	
Giving	21	_____	+	49	_____	+	77	_____	=	
Hospitality	22	_____	+	50	_____	+	78	_____	=	
Intercession	23	_____	+	51	_____	+	79	_____	=	
Leadership	24	_____	+	52	_____	+	80	_____	=	
Mercy	25	_____	+	53	_____	+	81	_____	=	
Prophecy	26	_____	+	54	_____	+	82	_____	=	
Service	27	_____	+	55	_____	+	83	_____	=	
Teaching	28	_____	+	56	_____	+	84	_____	=	

Box B: Waiting Gifts

These are gifts you've been given but haven't had a chance to use yet.

Waiting gifts can develop into working gifts if you use them.

Highest scored gift: _____
 2nd: _____
 3rd: _____
 4th: _____



Administration
the ability to organize and help people work together

Evangelism
the ability to tell others about Jesus' love for them in a clear and understandable way

Intercession
the ability to pray faithfully for others

Creative Ability
the ability to use music, drama, writing, drawing, acting, dancing, and similar gifts in ways that please God

Faith
the ability to know for sure that God's promises are true and trustworthy, even when circumstances make others doubt the promises

Leadership
the ability to take charge, to be an example for others, and to help others by helping them reach their goals

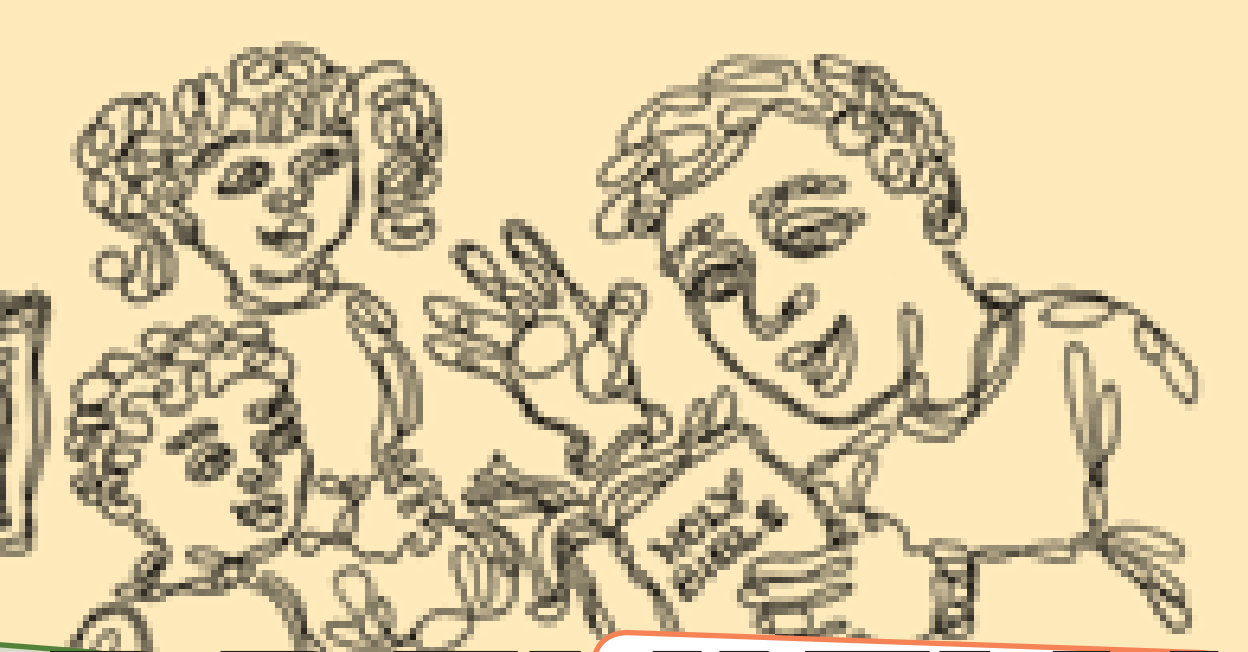
Discernment
the ability to tell whether someone or something is right or wrong, real or fake

Giving
the ability to share time, money, and possessions cheerfully and generously with those in need

Encouragement
the ability to use words and actions to cheer people up, to motivate them to do something that's hard for them to do, and to help them live in a way that pleases God

Hospitality
the ability to make people of all ages, especially guests and strangers, feel "at home" and comfortable

Teaching
the ability to help others understand God and His Word



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Prophecy

the ability to know God's Word, to explain it to others, and to help them apply it to their lives

Service

the ability to help others in practical ways

Mercy

the ability to empathize with the hurts of others and to help them cheerfully in meaningful ways

Teaching

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ow God wants us to live

Just like the master gave the servants money (or talents) to invest, God has invested in you by giving you spiritual gifts and special abilities to use to serve God and his kingdom!

A spiritual gift I think the Spirit may have given me is..

I think this because...

One way I'm already using my gift is...

One idea for how I might use my gift in the future is...

One reason I might be burying/hiding my gift is...

What ^{*}is Jesus talk

“She’s pulling my leg.”

“He took me to the cleaners.”

“I can’t keep my head above water.”

If you didn’t grow up speaking English as your first language in a North American culture, you might not understand the meaning of those phrases. The same is true for many verses in the New Testament that include a Hebrew idiom. An idiom is a phrase that someone living in a certain culture and place would understand, but isn’t so clear so those outside of that culture (or nation).

Look up Matthew 6:19-21. What do you think Jesus means when he says “don’t store up treasures on earth”?

A similar Greek word is used twice in verse 19—so the listeners would have heard something that sounded like “don’t ‘treasure’ your ‘treasure.’” What do you think that might mean?

Don’t **θησαυρίζετε** (thesaurizete)
your **θησαυρούς** (thesaurous)

Thinking about?

Jesus uses another Hebrew idiom in the next verse. Look up Matthew 6:22-24.

When Jesus talks about the “eye” being like a lamp for the body he’s not talking about our literal eyes. What is he talking about?

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Think about It

Read Matthew 6:22-24
again and circle your
choices below:

Someone with a “good eye” worships *God/money*. Someone with a “good eye” is *generous/greedy*. Someone with a “good eye” is *full of light/full of darkness*. Someone with a “good eye” *shares their treasure/keeps everything to themselves*.

Someone with a “bad eye” worships *God/money*. Someone with a “bad eye” is *generous/greedy*. Someone with a “bad eye” is *full of light/full of darkness*. Someone with a “bad eye” *shares their treasure/keeps everything to themselves*.



Anyone who is kind to poor people lends to the LORD.—Proverbs 19:17a (NIRV)

Tell those rich in this world’s wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous!

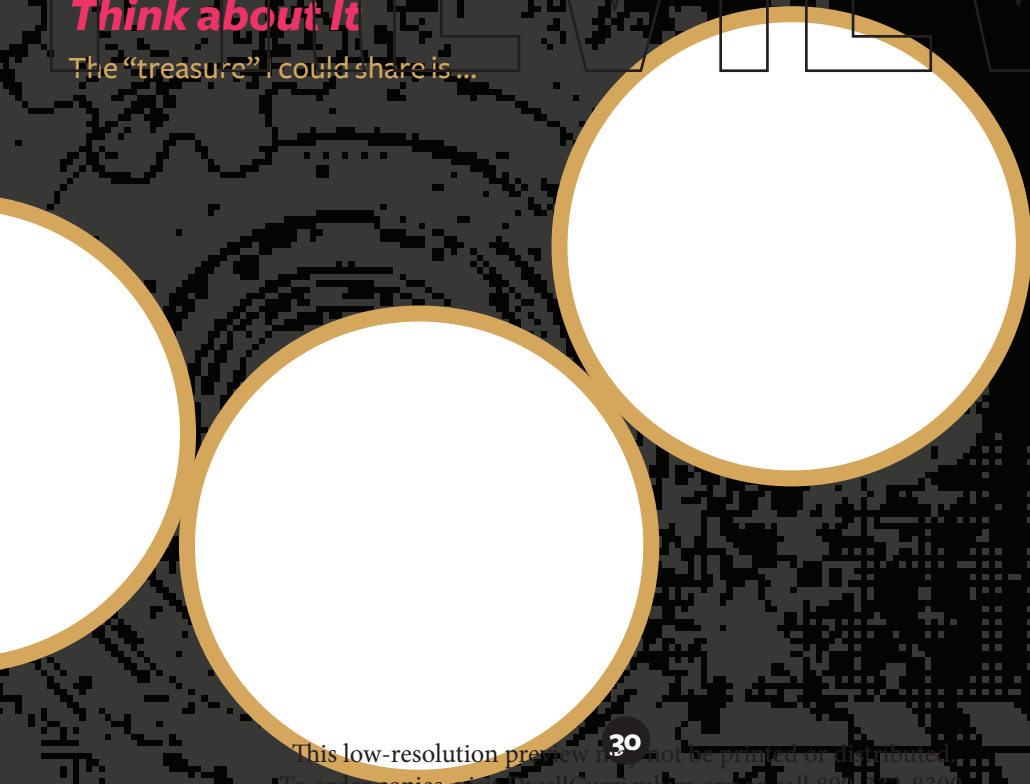
—1 Timothy 6:17-18 (*The Message*)

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

—2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV)

Think about It

The “treasure” I could share is...



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Take My Life

Here's what I want you to do, God helping you:

Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—place it before God as an offering.

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.

You'll be changed from the inside out.

Don't merely recognize what he wants from you, and then grudgingly respond to it.

Don't let the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, rob you of the glory of the best that God has made out of you. Develop well-formed maturity in you.

—Romans 12:1-2 (*The Message*)



Gracious God,

you have given me so much. You created this wonderful world for me to live in. You've blessed me with possessions to enjoy and share. You've given me unique gifts and talents. My heart overflows with thanks, and I want to give back to you. As an offering of gratitude, I want to live my life as a steward of all your good gifts.

With my time, help me to...

With my hands and feet, help me to...

With my voice, help me to...

With my treasure, help me to...

With my intellect and my heart, help me to...

Take my life and let it be lived to your glory. Amen.

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