

Uniqueness is learning more about yourself so you can make a difference.

DAY 1

Read Romans 12:6a

Let's pretend that you receive an invitation to a friend's birthday party. But this isn't a typical invitation. At the bottom, you see the following:

"Dear (insert your name here), for my birthday this year, I really want a new blue razor scooter with lights on the back. If you could get it for me, that would be awesome. Don't worry about wrapping it. Thanks."

Wait, what? That's not how it works! The birthday kid doesn't get to choose the gifts they receive. Well, guess what? Neither do you. God is the giver of gifts, passing them out in the way that God sees as best. God wants you to receive those gifts gladly and use them to make a difference.

You're A Gift

Grab a piece of paper and create a gift tag. Write TO: (Insert Your Name) and FROM: GOD. Hang this tag on your mirror. As you look at yourself in the mirror this week, read this tag and be reminded that God gave you unique gifts to share with the world around you.

DAY 2

Read 1 Corinthians 12:11

When Paul wrote these words to the new believers in Corinth, they had the important and challenging responsibility of sharing the good news about Jesus! Maybe some of the people in that early gathering of believers were struggling to figure out how God would use them and how they could make a difference with their gifts.

Do you ever feel that way? Do you ever think, "How could I really make a difference for God?" God has given different gifts to different people with the hopes that we will work together to make an even BIGGER impact. Working together can start within your own family.

Family Dinner

As you sit down for dinner, put a large piece of butcher or solid color wrapping paper and markers in the center of the table. Read this verse aloud to your family. Set a timer for two minutes and let each family member write down their name, then list their gifts on the paper in front of their seat. When finished, let each person share what they've written. Keep the paper on the table for tomorrow.

DAY 3

Read 1 Corinthians 12:15–18

Think about your gifts and abilities like a body. What if your eye said, “I don’t want to be an eye anymore. Feet are much cooler. I think I’ll be a foot now”? Or what if your chin said, “Chins are so boring. I’d rather be an elbow”?

Just like each body part has something special and unique to offer, so do you with your gifts! If you decided you didn’t like one of the gifts God gave you anymore or if you wanted to be just like someone else, you wouldn’t be able to do what God created you to do! God has carefully created your body to do exactly what it needs to do, and has also gifted you to do what only YOU can do.

Family Dinner Part 2

Tonight at dinner, sit in a different seat. Set a timer for two minutes. Read the name of the family member in front of you and then list some gifts that you see in that person. Some may be the same as that person’s original list but some might be different. Hold onto this list—you’ll need it next week!

DAY 4

Read Acts 16:15

Lydia was a successful businesswoman. She had a home which she opened up to Paul and others who were putting their faith in Jesus. She chose to use what she had to help others. You can too.

God made you on purpose with a purpose. Your uniqueness—the special things that make you YOU—can be used by God to make a BIG difference. Lydia probably never thought that all these years later, we would be reading and learning about the difference she made. Your life could have the same kind of impact. But it starts with asking God to help you discover your gifts, and to give you the courage to use those gifts to make a difference!

Cross It Out

Cross out all the x’s in the letter jumble and write all the remaining letters in the blanks below to reveal this week’s Bottom Line.

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Use your gifts to make a difference.