

# **“Generous Gifts”**

**Series: G IS FOR GENEROSITY**

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**GOD’S GIFTS TO YOU  
REVEAL  
GOD’S WILL FOR YOU!**

## **1. Generous gifts are discovered**

**Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, 16**

*Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your **calling**, for you have been **called by God**. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. However, he has given each one of us a **special gift** through the **generosity** of Christ.*

*Now these are the **gifts** Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

*He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. **As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.***

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## **2. Generous gifts are devoted**

**John 21:15-17**

*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do **you love me more than these?**”*

*“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”*

*“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.  
Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, **do you love me?**”  
“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”  
“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.  
A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, **do you love me?**”  
Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”  
Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”*

**Do you love Jesus more than anything?**

### **3. Generous gifts are delivered**

**Romans 12:4-8**

*Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.*

*In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.*

**Where are you using your gift?**

### **4. Generous gifts are developed**

**2 Timothy 1:5-6**

*I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. This is why I remind you to **fan into flames** the **spiritual gift** God gave you when I laid my hands on you.*

**How are you fanning the flame?**