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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

1 Peter 4:10 (English Standard Version)

Thought for today...

"I knew you had it in you!" Perhaps you have been encouraged to hear similar words said to you on accomplishing a feat that at first you deemed unlikely. As many of us are all too often our own greatest critic, it is wonderful to have those around us who are willing to encourage us to be everything that God has created us to be.

The time has come for each of us to work out (exercise as opposed to figure-out), what God has placed within us. God has impregnated us with precious seed (unique talents and gifts), which we must nurture and allow to grow within us. In due season, we must give birth to what we have been carrying, so that God's name may be glorified and a waiting world blessed by our fruit.

Working out (exercising) what is within us takes effort! It requires an intentionality and a desire to have a closer relationship with Jesus; reading and listening to His Word, learning how to recognise His voice and resolving to quickly obey His instructions.



The Apostle Paul encourages us concerning the various gifts that our Heavenly Father has placed within us: **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.** Romans 12:6-8 (NKJV).

My gifts and talents may look completely different to yours, or perhaps they may look the same, but even so, the same gift at work in each of us will look very different as we outwork them according to our unique personalities and characteristics. Whatever God has placed within you and me, let's resolve that it will not remain hidden, but instead, may bless our families, workplaces, churches, communities and the world at large. **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."** Matthew 5:14 (ESV).



Hopefully you are blessed to have a truth-teller within your family and friends circle, someone who you know has a relationship with Jesus and can be trusted to speak into your life. Someone who is able to recognise what gifts and talents God has placed in you and as you step out in boldness choosing to outwork what is within, will encourage you and say "I knew you had it in you!"