

## **God Given**

### **Ready:**

"According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the standard of faith." –Romans 12:6

### **Set**

As I watch sports today, I get this feeling that too many athletes think they created all the talent they have inside. Jersey popping, chest beatings, and trash talking are all about prideful attitudes that lead to arrogant behaviors on the field. These athletes showcase their demeanor as much as their true talent. God has a better plan.

When God gives us talents and gifts, He wants us to use them—not in some prideful, selfish, ego-driven way, but faithfully to serve others and bring Him glory. Romans 12:6 states that we all have different gifts and are to use them. Many people have gifts but rarely use them, and when they do, it is for their own glory, not God's. Again, all gifts we have received are God-given, not man-made.

Next time we see some prime-time player do his "thing" after a big play, let's remember who he is giving the credit to for his gift. There is nothing wrong with having great gifts, but God's desire is for us to serve others and use them for His glory. We must remember that God's gifts fulfill their value when they are utilized for the benefit of others. So the next time we make a big play and want to celebrate, we need to stop and think of the One who gave it to us in the first place.

### **Go**

1. If talent is God-given why do so many athletes take all the credit?
2. What gifts do you feel God has given you?
3. Daily, how can you use your gifts to serve others?

### **Workout**

1 Corinthians 7:7; 12:4-6; 1 Peter 4:10-11

### **Overtime**

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me special, unique gifts and abilities. I pray that I would use them to bring You all the glory. Amen.

### **Bible Reference:**

1 Peter 4



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