

You Can't Do It All

Ready:

"If exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness." —Romans 12:8

Set

Have you ever met someone who feels they have all the gifts God gives to people? They are exhausted—spread so thin they are no earthly good to anyone. At times, we all try to do too much. Sometimes we are asked to go beyond our gifts and talents, but God's desire is for us to serve Him with how He has gifted us.

Paul's concern for the Roman people was that each person's gift would be identified and he or she would strive to use it appropriately. However, some people looked at others and grumbled over why they did not have that gift or if that person truly was gifted in that manner. It was exhausting. Paul encouraged them to work together to build God's kingdom.

Let's look at the gifts God has given our team, family, and friends. Are they using their God-given gifts in the proper manner? God's gifts are evident in every area of life. On the field, in our homes, at school, or in the workplace, God desires that we use our gifts as one body to achieve one purpose. As believers, we have the same call—one body in Christ, one purpose in knowing Him more, one goal in uniting with Him in heaven. When we realize we can't do it all, but can do something for the Lord, God will take our gifts to bring Him all the praise.

Go

1. Have you ever been guilty of trying to do more than you are gifted to do? What was the outcome?
2. Do you grumble about what gifts God has given other people?
3. How can you be thankful for your gifts and encourage others in theirs as well?

Workout

Deuteronomy 15:10; 2 Corinthians 8:12; 9:7

Overtime

Father, thank You for the specific ways in which You've gifted me. Keep me from being envious of others' gifts and abilities, and teach me how to use mine to their fullest so that You may be glorified. Amen.

Bible Reference:

2 Corinthians 8



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