

## **Gifted**

### **Ready:**

Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.—1 Peter 4:10

### **Set**

Which of our athletic gifts are most important to us as competitors? Perhaps it is strength or speed. Or maybe it is hand-eye coordination or a competitive nature. Regardless of the gift, do we know the One who gave it to us? Peter mentioned giftedness in 1 Peter 4:10. Here we read that Peter knew that we are all gifted. There is likely no group on the planet who understands this more than an athletic team. The issue for us is not whether or not we are gifted, but rather who it is that gives us the gifts, and how we shall respond to Him?

Our gifts are described as being part of the manifold grace of God. In other words, God's grace has been distributed to each of us in unique ways. Our best response to a gracious Giver is to use our giftedness to serve those around us.

As we compete today, we must use every last ounce of our gifts for the good of our teams. We need to be great stewards of God's grace as we serve our teammates in the pursuit of a great victory.

### **Go**

1. In what areas of competition are you gifted?
2. Could you put forth more of an effort in using your gifts to serve your teammates? How?

### **Workout**

Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Hebrews 2:3b-4

### **Overtime**

Lord, thank You for the gifts You have given me. Help me to use them today to serve those around me and to bring glory to You. Amen.



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