

# Using Your Gifts



**Spiritual Gifts**...everyone has them, but do you know what yours are and do you ever use them? God sent the Holy Spirit to distribute 'gifts' to his people...us. There are many types of gifts and all are important for the common good. These gifts range from the gift of Healing, to Prophecy, the gift of Faith or the gift of Wisdom. Up until about 7 years ago, I really didn't know what my spiritual 'gifts' were. I knew I was good at organization and 'getting things done', but didn't really know if that counted as a spiritual gift or not. Our church offered a class on 'Finding Your Piece of the Puzzle' – how to figure out what your gifts are. It intrigued me, so I took the class.

I found out that besides organizational and 'getting things done' (services) gifts, I have one of the best gifts ever...in my opinion anyway...and that is the gift of Faith. I never really understood what it meant until I started reading about people who were leaders in the Christian community, having doubts about God. I really didn't get what the problem was. *Didn't God always do what He promised? Didn't He always provide? Had He ever failed you?* God doesn't promise things will be easy or even fun, but he does promise to be right there beside us through whatever comes along. We all struggle in different areas. I think God gives these gifts so that we can each be an encouragement to others struggling with things that we have an easier time with.

So, where am I going with this? Well, as Linda says in her article, Genesis Institute is going through a transition right now. It would be easy for the staff here to lose faith in the future. I want to tell you that this group of people that I am blessed to work with each day, are fully committed and faithful to the 'tasks that God has set before us'. We are working together to make sure that there is a place for the people of this community to come to when they are in need. We are faithful that God will supply all our needs.

If you read Linda's article last month, you saw that we had some tangible needs that we hoped would be met by some of our readers. Well, praise God! He spoke to some of you and you listened! We have the money we need to purchase another computer, we have someone that is interested in helping with the newsletter, we received some funds for Therapy toys and we have a new network router...installed, and we've signed up a couple new Sponsors for our Evening of Stories event!! The first three needs were met by people who already know or support Genesis, but the gentleman who helped with the router never knew who we were until a few weeks ago.

Tiel Hicks was told about Genesis by his pastor and so he decided to check out our website. He noticed the list of needs and decided right then to call our office. He said he would like to install a new router for us. I asked him how he heard and why would he do that for a place he didn't even know. He said, "Because you're a ministry". Great answer! We talked a little about specifics and decided on a time for him to come and see what we had. I told him that I would check on the product options and let him decide what was best for us. By the time I was able to check out the site I was hoping to get the router from, they no longer had what we were looking for. I contacted Tiel back to let him know that I would have to put it on hold until I could find something else. He said that wasn't necessary, as he already found one for us and purchased it. I offered to reimburse him, but again, he wanted to give to the ministry. Within a week, our new router was installed and is working great! Thank you Tiel!! It is so cool when God answers prayers in such a bold way.



We have faith that God will continue to provide for us, but I also believe that we need to be specific and bold about what we are asking for. So, we will keep posting needs on our website for you to check out.

Right now, we still need people to sponsor our Evening of Stories event this October 25<sup>th</sup>. Would you consider using what God has given you to help Genesis? You can find more information about this event and sponsorship on our website.

Waiting to see what prayer God answers next,

*Denise*