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For the follower of Jesus, serving others is not a matter of "if" but of "where"

Four critical characteristics of spiritual gifts:

-They are <u>undeserved</u>

-They are designed to <u>serve</u> others

-They are <u>effective</u>

-They bring the body of Christ a greater sense of <u>oneness</u>

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

1. Consumers who need to become <u>contributors</u>

You're looking for abundant life in all of the wrong places – it's not in **getting** more for yourself but in **giving** more of yourself away to others

It's not how competent you are, but how powerful <u>God</u> is, the source of your enabling, and the degree of gift or grace He's given you

1 Peter 4:10-11

2. Coveting the "<u>spotlight</u> gifts"

Christian <u>celebrityism</u> is one wrong notion that many of us struggle with – idolizing some other person in the Body for his or her obvious giftedness as though they had amazingly come up with such skills or abilities on their own

Romans 12:3-8

"Wherever there's a gift, there's a limit . . . What I've found is that recognizing the limits of my gifts actually frees me from the headbanging burden of trying to do something God hasn't intended for me." Dave Harvey, author of Rescuing Ambition

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3. Not finding the "<u>right fit</u>"

1 Corinthians 12:20

Next DESIGN class is coming Sunday, 8/27 from 11:15 am-2:00 pm

Now What? For the follower of Jesus, serving others is not a matter of "if" but of "where"