

Finding Your Place: Telling God's Story

Romans 12:6 (GW) God in his kindness gave each of us different gifts. If your gift is speaking God's word, make sure what you say agrees with the Christian faith.

1. _____ what gift God has given you the ability to use.

Matthew 7:7-8 (GW) Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. **(8)** Everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find, and for the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **(15)** And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (MSG) Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does. Give yourselves to the gifts God gives you. Most of all, try to proclaim his truth.

2. Where God calls He _____

“If your gift is speaking God's word”

Acts 4:13 (NIV) When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 (MSG) I can't impress this on you too strongly. God is looking over your shoulder. Christ himself is the Judge, with the final say on everyone, living and dead. He is about to break into the open with his rule, **(2)** so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple.

3. Speak the _____ of the Bible

“Make sure what you say agrees with the Christian faith.”

Galatians 1:8 (MSG) Let me be blunt: If one of us—even if an angel from heaven!—were to preach something other than what we preached originally, let him be cursed. **(9)** I said it once; I'll say it again: If anyone, regardless of reputation or credentials, preaches something other than what you received originally, let him be cursed.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (MSG) You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's master stroke, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. **(2)** I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified. **(3)** I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it— **(4)** and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, **(5)** which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 (MSG) God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words. **(18)** The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hell bent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works...