



GIFTS: *What Makes You, You*

Scripture theme: *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.”* – 1Corinthians 12:4. While Paul is referencing spiritual gifts in this passage, throughout scripture there is discussion around the uniqueness of each individual and how each are to glorify God in that uniqueness.

Dad - Underline a rating on the level of focus your dad exemplified in helping you identify and nurture your unique gifts:

Academically;	...	...	low	...	so-so	...	high
Athletically;	...	...	low	...	so-so	...	high
Relationally;	...	...	low	...	so-so	...	high
Practically; and	...	...	low	...	so-so	...	high
Spiritually.	...	...	low	...	so-so	...	high

Student - Circle a rating on the level of focus your dad exemplifies today for each category. (*Dad - encourage honesty and listen well to the ratings. Accept affirmation and steer clear of being defensive.*)

Dad - Give a specific example on where you rated your dad *high*, and another where the rating is *low* or *so-so*.

Student - Do the same.

Discussion time:

Gifts are what make you, you. You have been given unique gifts & traits that you are to take responsibility for. They give you purpose in this world as well as an opportunity to glorify God throughout your life.

Dad & Student - Discuss what giftedness has shaped your life to this point. Who has been an influence/inspiration in this area of your life?

Student - What specific interests & abilities have you been encouraged to pursue? Are you accepting responsibility for those gifts?

Dad - How are you glorifying God through gifts He has given you? Share a glimpse of His glory that you have experienced on the journey.

Dad - Share a personal story of how your dad, or someone close to you encouraged or failed to encourage you in gifts you were given and the impact that had on you.

Dad & Student - Discuss how you can keep this dialogue going.

We commit to: _____

Prayer guide: Lord, I confess that I have not listened well to You, my kids or their mother when it comes to the unique gifts You have granted them. Athletics is my forte so I have pushed in that area disproportionately. Help me see past my interests for my kids to the uniqueness You have planted in them. Grant them and I a clear understanding of who they are, Whose they are and what gifts they are to pursue. Give them strength to accept responsibility for their gifts and to glorify You through those gifts, that they will be an influence for the Kingdom in this world by Your grace and for Your glory. Amen.