

Equal In Effort

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Have you ever looked at someone and thought, "I wish I had their talent. I wish I had their ability"?

The Bible says, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them" (Romans 12:5–6).

These verses are saying that if you are a committed Christian who has asked God to fill you with the Holy Spirit, then God has instilled gifts, or a gift, in your life as He has chosen. It's not for us to pick and choose what gifts we want; it's for God to decide. There are gifts in your life. There are abilities in your life. There are talents that God has given to you and that He has given to me. We are to take those talents and do something with them.

It is not a person's talent that matters as much as how he or she uses it. God never demands from a person abilities they do not have. But He does demand that we should use to the full the abilities we do possess. We may not be equal in talent, but we should be equal in effort.

God can do a lot with a little. Jesus can take a little, He can bless it, and He can multiply it. He can use it beyond our wildest dreams.

You may say, "I don't have a lot to offer."

That's all right. God is not looking for ability as much as He is looking for availability. He is looking for someone like you to say, "Lord, here I am. Send me." Take what God has given to you and do the most that you can with it for His glory.

Prayer Requests

Lyle Wakely—Pray for Amy Reinpold's dad: he has been diagnosed with cancer.

News and Notes

Birthday

Chris Stillahn	10/12	Pablo Alfaro Jr.	10/14
Megan Rudy	10/25	Pablo Alfaro III	10/30

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

10/23/2016

Opening Prayer	Shane
Song Leader	Chris
Scripture Reader	Tim
Closing Prayer	Jay
Devotion:	Shane

Announcements: Chris

Table: West	Nate
Center	James
East	Gary
Preacher:	Tom
Song Leader:	Jay

10/30/2016

Opening Prayer	Jeremy
Song Leader	Shane
Scripture Reader	Pablo III
Closing Prayer	Gary
Devotion:	Chris

Announcements: Shane

Table: West	Chris
Center	Jay
East	Shane
Preacher:	Tom
Song Leader:	Tom

October: Lord's Supper: Sharon Sidewalks: