

## "Gifted to Serve" 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Peter 4:10-11

God has supernaturally gifted every believer and this gifting makes us each absolutely unique. Our unique gifting is absolutely essential to the health and growth of our church, and as each of us uses our unique gifting, we bring great glory to God. So let us make 2010 the year we each step up, discover, develop, and use our supernaturally powerful spiritual gifts to serve God's people for God's glory.

### 1. You are supernaturally gifted

- 1 Corinthians 12:7
  - "to each one" – to every believer (v13)
  - "the manifestation of the Spirit"
  - Spiritual gifts = supernatural abilities to serve the church
- 1 Peter 4:10  
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### 2. Your gifting makes you unique

- **Healing**
- **Miracles**
- **Apostle**
- **Prophecy**
- **Distinguishing spirits**
- **Tongues**
- **Interpreting tongues**
- Wisdom
- Knowledge
- Faith
- Teaching/speaking
- Helps/service
- Administration
- Exhortation
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy
- Evangelism
- Pastor

1 Peter 4:10

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### **3. Your gifting is essential to us**

Ephesians 4:15-16

...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

### **4. Your gifting glorifies God**

1 Peter 4:11

...whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Resolve to Serve**

1. Identify your gifts
2. Develop your gifts
3. Use your gifts