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**YOUR UNIQUE DESIGN**

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- ▶ **Your hands shaped me and made me. (Job 10:8 NIV)**
- ▶ **The people I have shaped for myself  
will broadcast my praise. (Isaiah 42:21 NJB)**

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## YOUR UNIQUE DESIGN

God formed every creature on this planet with a special area of expertise. Some animals run, some hop, some swim, some burrow, and some fly. Each has a particular role to play, based on the way they were shaped by God. The same is true of humans.

Each of us was uniquely designed, or “shaped,” to do certain things.

▶ Rick Warren



YOUR SPIRITUALLY EMPOWERED SERVICE

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE

**HEART**

YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES GOD USES

**ABILITIES**

YOUR UNCHANGING ORIENTATION TO LIFE

**PERSONALITY**

YOUR LIFE STORY SHAPED BY GOD

**EXPERIENCE**



# **SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** YOUR SPIRITUALLY EMPOWERED SERVICE

- ▶ **Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.**

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

- ▶ **All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.**

**1 Corinthians 12:11**

# **DISTRIBUTION: GOD'S GRACIOUS GIVING**

- ▶ **Given by the Victorious, Ascended Christ (Ephesians 4:8–10)**
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- ▶ **Unity in Diversity ( 1 Corinthians 12:4–7)**

# **DIVERSITY AND UNITY: GIFT AND GIVER**

**But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:  
“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.**

**Ephesians 4:7–8**

# **DIVERSITY AND UNITY: GIFT AND GIVER**

**Now about the gifts of the Spirit,  
brothers and sisters,  
I do not want you to be uninformed.**

**1 Corinthians 12:1**

# **SPIRITUAL GIFTS: YOUR SPIRITUALLY EMPOWERED SERVICE**

**These chapters deal with a more basic phenomena that is no respecter of denominational breeding. All will have experienced church conflict rooted in the hunger for status and recognition. Many will have been in communities where the more cerebral gifts have become the gifts of choice and exalted over others.**



**▶ David Garland**

# **DIVERSITY AND UNITY: GIFT AND GIVER**

**There are different kinds of gifts,  
but the same Spirit distributes them.**

**There are different kinds of service,  
but the same Lord.**

**There are different kinds of working,  
but in all of them and in everyone  
it is the same God at work.**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

# **PURPOSE: EDIFICATION**

**Now to each one  
the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for the common good.**

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

# **SPIRITUAL GIFTS: YOUR SPIRITUALLY EMPOWERED SERVICE**

**Paul argues in 12:4–11 that the Spirit gives a variety of gifts to people. these gifts are not given as a sign that the recipients are especially spiritual or have a super-sized portion of the Spirit. The Spirit distributes gifts according to His sovereign purpose—for the common benefit of all and for the unity of the community, and certainly not to foment divisions in the church or create a first team of select Christians and a second team of also-rans.**



**▶ David Garland**



# **SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** YOUR SPIRITUALLY EMPOWERED SERVICE

**Diversity is necessary for a body to function,  
but the body is unified as each member is  
interrelated and interdependent.**



▶ **David Garland**

# **DEFINITION: GOD GIVEN ABILITY FOR SERVICE**

- ▶ **Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.**

**Romans 12:3-8**

# **SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** REPRESENTATIVE NOT EXHAUSTIVE

## **Romans 12**

**prophecy  
service  
teaching  
encouraging  
giving  
leading  
mercy**

## **1 Cor. 12**

**wisdom  
knowledge  
faith  
healing  
miracles  
prophecy  
discerning  
tongues  
interpretation**

## **Ephesians 4**

**apostle  
prophet  
evangelist  
pastor/  
teacher**

## **1 Peter 4**

**speaking  
serving**

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# **DISCOVERY: USE DETERMINES POSSESSION**

- ▶ **Preoccupation can lead to abuse (1 Corinthians 12-14)**
- ▶ **Neglect can lead to anemia (1 Corinthians 14:1)**
- ▶ **Love is the guide (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13)**

# **DEVELOPMENT: PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

- ▶ **Be aware of your gift.**
- ▶ **Ask for opportunities to serve.**
- ▶ **First serve then decide. Jump in.**
- ▶ **Affirmation is usually confirmation.**
- ▶ **Exercise your gift regularly.**
  - ▶ **Evaluate with others.**

# **HEART:** YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE

- ▶ **First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.**

**Romans 1:8-10**

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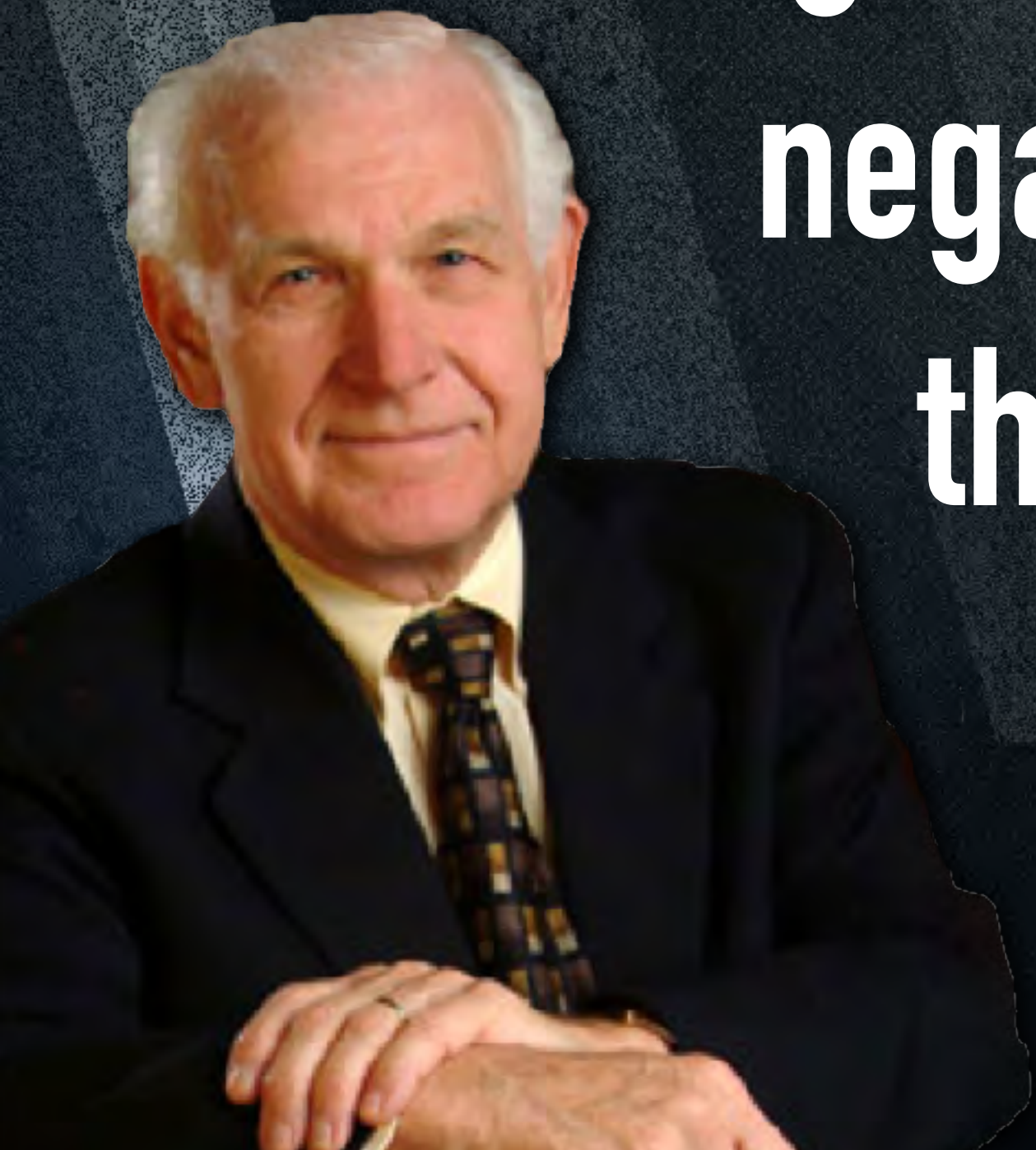
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# **HEART:** YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE

**In biblical usage the heart can be the seat of feelings and emotions, the place of God's residence, the seat of religious and moral conduct both positively and negatively, of will or volition, and of the thoughts and understandings.**



▶ **Harold Hoehner**

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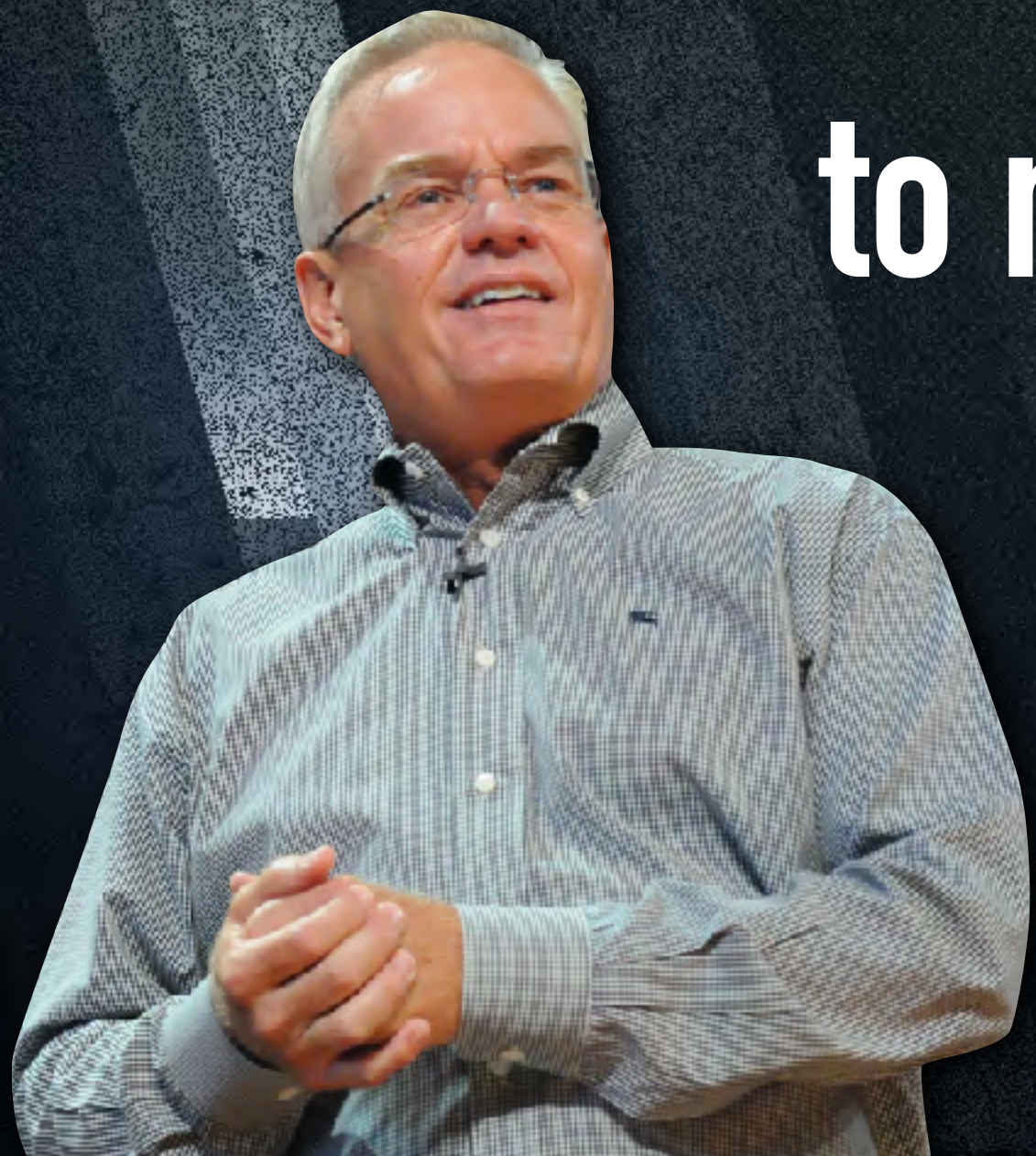
The Bible uses the term heart to describe the bundle of desires, hopes, interest, ambitions, dreams, and affections you have. Your heart represents the source of all your motivations—what you love to do and what you care about most.

▶ **Rick Warren**



# HEART: YOUR PASSION FOR SERVICE

Connecting our spiritual gift with an area of passion is the key to ultimate effectiveness and fulfillment in serving. It is also one of the keys to maintaining energy is serving.



▶ Bill Hybels

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