

Saving Grace Ephesians 2:8-10
 Sustaining Grace 2 Cor. 12:9-10
 Serving Grace 2 Cor. 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. —2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

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“Everything God directs us and expects us to do, He enables us to do by His grace and for His glory.”

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“Saved to Serve”

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Saved by grace, saved for His glory;
 gifted to serve, graced with His power.

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¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,

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that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

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⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,
⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:

if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;
⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

—Romans 12:1-8 ESV

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Romans 12:1-2

Our Call to Serve is Rooted
in Gratitude, not Guilt

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Worship • Connect • Serve

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Romans 12:3-5

Our Call to Serve Involves a Diversity
of Gifts For the Common Good

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“Competition is really warfare, and the only competitor I have is myself. Competition is a Pandora’s box that releases a number of negative feelings toward others. This must be discouraged. But I must encourage negative feelings toward my own pride, laziness, self-will, love of praise, and unwillingness to put myself out for others.

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I must avoid the religion of comparison, for God's plan for me is as individual and distinctive as the formation of a snowflake. A true disciple compares himself with himself and he is able to say, 'The Lord has enabled me to grow in a particular discipline.'" —Glyn Evans

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Romans 12:6-8

Our Call to Serve is Practical, Not Theoretical— "...let us use them..."

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"Life is a mission. Every other definition of life is false, and leads all who accept it astray." —Giuseppe Mazzini

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"Extreme forms of mental illness are always extreme cases of self-absorption. The distinctive quality, that literally sets paranoid people apart, is hyper-self-consciousness."

—William Kirk Kilpatrick

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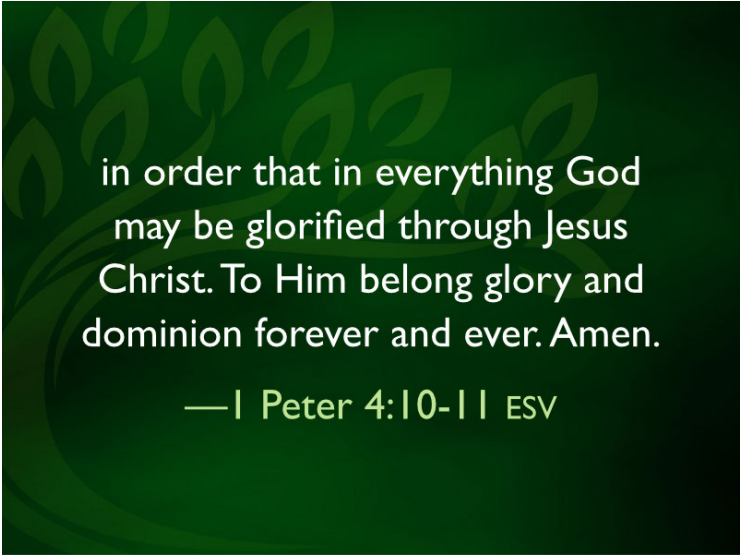
Romans 12

Our Call to Serve is Powerful, Not Anemic

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¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—

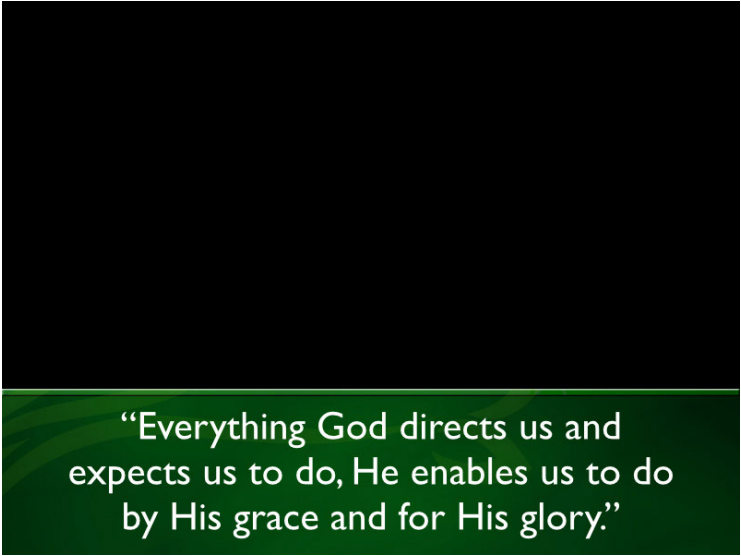
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in order that in everything God
may be glorified through Jesus
Christ. To Him belong glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

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