

WORD

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¹¹*whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. . . . 1 PETER 4:10,11*

To live a life that honors God means to live a life of love and service. We honor God by using everything He has blessed us with to do His work and to serve His people. In this lesson, we will reflect on three truths about honoring God through our service.

1 I have a gift from God.

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God blesses us with different gifts. Each person is unique, and God entrusts a gift to each one of us for a specific purpose. Our talents, skills, abilities, and interests are from God and He expects us to use them for His glory. Share how you discovered one of your gifts. How have you learned to use it for God's purpose?

2 My gift is to be used to serve others.

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Our God-given gifts are not meant to be hidden or simply used for our own pleasure or recognition. The purpose of our gift is to serve others. We receive our gifts as God's *stewards*, and we are to honor Him by faithfully serving others. What are *stewards*? How are you being a good steward of the gift God has given you?

3 My service glorifies God.

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Our gifts are from God, and they are for God. The goal of everything we do is the honor and glory of God. It doesn't matter how greatly skilled or poorly skilled we think we are—it is God Himself who gives us the ability and strength. When we faithfully serve God, when we use our gifts for others, and when we rely on the strength He gives, God is glorified. How has God given you the strength to serve? Share about how God enabled you to honor Him and make disciples.
