

Memory verse for Week 4:

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:6-7

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50 Days of UNLEASHING HOPE

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Play to Your Strengths Week 4

Review

Week 1 – Recharge Your Batteries

Develop your supply lines:

Supply line #1 – Invest in your own growth.

Supply line #2 – Understand the power of worship.

Supply line #3 – Unleash the Bible into your life.

Supply line #4 – Build Great Relationships.

Supply line #5 – Pay attention to whose voice you are listening to.

Memory verse for Week 1:

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Week 2 – Raise Your Expectations

5 Attitudes and Actions that will help you become a person who expects great things:

A) Believe impossible things are possible.

B) Believe that God has better days ahead.

C) Realize the power of perspective.

D) Replace F.E.A.R. with F.A.I.T.H. (see page 66 in the HQ book)

E) Replace “What if” with Why not?”

Memory verse for Week 2:

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19:26

Week 3 – Refocus on the Future

“Beware of spending too much time looking back at what you once were when God wants you to become something you have never been.”

Oswald Chambers

The 5 benefits of focusing on what you can become versus what you are:

Benefit #1 Passion Replaces Apathy and Discouragement

Benefit #2 You Experience Great Comebacks

Benefit #3 Grace Frees You; Future Vision Fuels You

Benefit #4 You Are Set Free to Dream!

Benefit #5 Forward Momentum Stabilizes and Energizes

Memory verse for Week 3:

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13-14

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:8-10

What is a Spiritual Gift?

A God given ability that enables a follower of Jesus to build up and serve the body of Christ.

Summary principles related to spiritual gifts:

1. Besides Jesus Christ, God greatest gift to each believer is the Holy Spirit. John 16:7
2. Every believer has at least one gift.
1 Corinthians 7:7; 12:7 & 12:11
We deny or dismiss the fact that we each have a spiritual gift...
Because we want to be humble
Because we fear failure
Because we want to avoid responsibility
3. Only believers have spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 2:14
4. All Christians do not have the same gift. 1 Corinthians 12:4
5. No one believer receives all of the gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:27-30
6. Gifts are given to believers by the sovereign choice of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:11
7. The purpose of spiritual gifts is to build up the body of Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:12; 1 Peter 4:10
8. Every believer is encouraged to be faithful and diligent in using his/her gift. 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 4:10
9. We should not be jealous or envious of other people’s gifts.
1 Corinthians 13:4

How do I get started using my gifts?

STEP 1: Dedicate my life to Christ

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1

STEP 2: Eliminate any distractions

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2

STEP 3: Evaluate my areas of giftedness

“For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.” Romans 12:3

STEP 4: Activate my gifts by starting to serve

“Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.” 1 Timothy 4:14-15

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