

## Rhythms of Grace Part 4: Serving In Grace

*(Matthew 11:28 MSG) "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."*

### GRACE GIFT

*(Ephesians 2:8 NASB) For by grace you have been saved through faith.*

**Grace - a gift from God that affords joy, pleasure, and delight. Unmerited favor.**

**Greek - charis**

*(Ephesians 4:7 NLT) However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.*

**Gift - A divine enablement or a spiritual endowment.**

**Greek - charisma**

*(1 Peter 4:10 NIV) Each of you should use whatever gift (charisma) you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace (charis) in its various forms.*

1. **Physical needs.**
2. **Safety needs.**
3. **Love needs.**
4. **Esteem needs.**
5. **Cognitive needs.**
6. **Aesthetic needs.**
7. **Self-actualization needs.**
8. **Transcendence needs.**

*(Ephesians 4:1 NLT) Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.*

## SERVING IN GRACE

### 1. Discover your gift.

*(Ephesians 4:7-8 NLT) However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."*

*(2 Corinthians 6:1 NIV) As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.*

### 2. Develop your gift.

*(Ephesians 4:11-13 NLT) Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

*(1 Corinthians 15:10 NIV) But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.*

### 3. Do something with your gift.

*(Ephesians 4:14-16 NLT) Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*

*(2 Timothy 2:1 NASB) You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*