

Creative Gifts

You do not need to look far in our home to know that I *love* to create. In fact, my studio closet overflows with possibilities to create in arts and crafts. I see how God's plan works creatively thru all of us, thru my Family, our Church Family and Friends. It does not need to be an overflowing closet of paint and brushes ~ Your creative gifts may be planting flowers, playing the trumpet, kneading bread, sewing a quilt, or even swinging a golf club ~ We all have been blessed with Creative Gifts.

Paul tells us thru Romans 12:6-8 that God calls us to be faithful stewards of our gifts, using them to serve others and bring glory to Him. There are countless ways to use our gifts to make a difference.

Romans 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Creativity is not reserved for a select few we all are blessed with Creative Gifts ~

As you take your seat in the pews next Sunday look around at your Friends and Neighbors, we all have amazing Creative Gifts among us ~ Can you pick out the person who can tell a joke like no other, or has the best belly laugh or the warmest hug? There are beautiful quilters, stitchers, and musicians too. There are also great organizers, leaders, teachers, and story tellers. *And* so many talented cooks and bakers, *as we all know*. All Creative Gifts we share, *And it's all in God's plan*.

