

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 14.

1 Corinthians 12:7 "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." (NLT)

Years ago, my friend and I took a Greyhound bus ride from Oakland to Seattle, as we had planned a hiking trip from Mt. Rainer back down to California. While I only made it to the Washington/Oregon border, choosing instead to stay in Walla Walla, Washington, with my sister Twila and her family for the next six months, it was an amazing trip.

I am not sure if Greyhound still uses the same slogan, but for years, it was, "Go Greyhound, and leave the driving to us." On a cruise, it is much the same thing, but we are not only leaving the driving to someone else, but also the cooking, cleaning, entertaining, etc., to someone else.

If you know much about me, you know some of my spiritual gifts would be helps and hospitality. I have no problem helping people and serving others. So, on the few cruises we have been on, it seems strange to have so many people asking me how they can serve me and take care of us.

On one of our first cruises, Donna and I met a young Christian worker who served in one of the coffee and pastry areas. I am not sure what all spiritual gifts she had, but one had to be serving others, as she was truly gifted at that.

Using the gifts God gives us to be a blessing to others is why we have been given gifts in the first place. Our gifts are not for ourselves, but to be a blessing to others and a witness of God's graciousness.

Discover your spiritual gifts and then use them for God's glory and the good of others.