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Everybody in the world has spiritual gifts and you should use them to your fullest extent of yourself, no matter how unimportant they may seem.

I have learned that I possess three spiritual gifts. Mercy, acting out of compassion towards others, like when somebody has their food stolen, you share some of yours. My second gift is giving, donating your time, money, and spiritual gifts so that It can be used for God's work, for example donating money to the American Cancer Society, or another charity or tutoring someone who is having trouble in a class. My third gift is Faith, having a confident belief that God will always do what is the very best, even though what you might be going through at the time is affecting you in a negative way at the time. I use my Faith to keep me focused and on the right path.

Holy Communion is the ultimate meal, even though a sip of wine, and small wafer do not seem like much. When you eat the body and drink the blood of Christ, you should feel spiritually full because He died for us and left us this meal for all eternity.

Forgiveness is when you confess to God your sins and he forgives you every time. But along with asking for forgiveness there is also repentance. Repenting is when you tell God about a sin you are not proud of and promise not to do it again. You can't repent for stealing then go steal a bog of Fritos.

According to Pastor Rick Warren and his book "The Purpose Driven Life" God put us on this earth for 5 reasons: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. Worship – We were planned for God's pleasure. Loving Him like He loves us. Discipleship – being created to become like Jesus Christ. Fellowship – we all form God's family. Ministry – being shaped to serve God, to do his work. Evangelism – being made for a mission and put on this earth for specific purpose.

There are ten basic commandments that God sent us to follow. The first commandment: No other Gods. There is only one God. Period. The Second commandment: Do not take the Lord's name in vain, so don't use God's name in anger or curse. The third commandment: Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Remember to go to church and try not to sin everyday. The fourth commandment: Honor your parents by listening to what they say and do what they tell you because they have your best interests in mind. The fifth commandment: Do not murder. Only in self-defense and as a last resort shall you kill. Sixth commandment: Do not steal. Not for fun, revenge, or any other reason. Eighth commandment: Do not lie to anyone for any reason. Ninth commandment: Do not covet non-living things like iPods, cell phones, or money. And the tenth commandment: Do not covet living things like being jealous of what others have.

When Jesus came to earth he presented us with the Great Commandment from Mark 12:30-31: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all you should and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than this." We are to hold no prejudice against anybody for any reasons. We are to love everybody as ourselves, regardless of their race, sex, disabilities, and finances or sexual orientation. This is tolerance and we should accept and love everyone because we are all God's Children

Thank You.