



## Can You See It? Part 3

### TITLE

Impact the World

### WORD

**Series Text: John 4:34-38 NLT**

- Jesus instructs us to be Harvest Minded:
  - Change lives
  - Empower people
  - Impact the world
- Salvation is not:
  - A post life protection plan
  - A bless me program
  - **Salvation is** God's hope for the world!

### I. Four Truths to Embrace - Impact the World

#### A. God created you with purpose

##### 1. You are God's masterpiece

- a. ***Ephesians 2:10*** "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." *NLT*

#### B. You are a difference maker

1. ***Mathew 5:14-16*** "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." *NLT*
2. Your good brings God glory

- a. Lie: You are a mess, a mistake, a misfortune
- b. Declare: I'm created to do good and my good brings God glory

## A. God Created You with Influence

1. 2 Corinthians 10:13-16 "But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence." *ESV*
2. Jeremiah 15:19 This is how the Lord responds: "If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak good words rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. You must influence them; do not let them influence you!" *NLT*
  - A. Seven areas of influence
    1. Family
    2. Church
    3. Government
    4. Arts and Entertainment
    5. Education
    6. Business
    7. Media
  - B. There is an area that you are supposed to reach for God
  - C. God sends us into areas of influence to prepare a way for Him
3. Luke 10:1-2 "Later the Lord chose seventy-two other followers and sent them out two by two to every town and village where he was about to go. 2 He said to them that a large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in." *CEV*
  - A. Lie: You are inferior and insignificant
  - B. Declare: God has given me influence

## B. God Created You with Gifts

1. Gifts
  - A. 1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen." *NLT*
    1. There are actually three biblical lists of the "gifts of the Spirit," also known as spiritual gifts.

2. The three main passages describing the spiritual gifts are Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; and 1 Corinthians 12:28.
3. We could also include Ephesians 4:11, but that is a list of offices within the church, not spiritual gifts.
4. The spiritual gifts identified in Romans 12 are prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, and mercy.
5. The list in 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 includes the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues.
6. The list in 1 Corinthians 12:28 includes healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

## 2. Talents

- a. Mathew 25: 14-30 The Parable of the Talents
  - b. Music, art, creativity, athletics, writing, etc.
- ## 3. What are you doing with what is in your hand?
- a. *Exodus 4:2* “The Lord answered, “What’s that in your hand?” “A walking stick” Moses replied.” *CEV*
    1. Never underestimate what God has put in your hand
    2. Lie: What someone else has in their hand is better than what you have in yours
    3. Declare: “I am gifted”

## C. God Gave You a Story

1. *2 Corinthians 5: 17-21* “Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others. What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God. Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God.” *CEV*
2. *Mark 5:14- 20* “The men taking care of the pigs ran to the town and the farms to spread the news. Then the people came out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had once been full of demons. He was sitting there with his clothes on and in his right mind, and they were terrified. Everyone who had seen what had happened told about the man and the pigs. Then the people started begging Jesus to leave their part of the country. When Jesus was getting into the boat, the man begged to go with him. But Jesus would not let him. Instead, he said, “Go home to your family and tell them how much the

Lord has done for you and how good he has been to you.” The man went away into the region near the ten cities known as Decapolis and began telling everyone how much Jesus had done for him. Everyone who heard what had happened was amazed.” *CEV*

a. Lie: Nobody wants to hear your story

b. Declare: “My story matters”

3. *Mathew 9:35-38* Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” *NLT*

a. God wants a harvest! He wants people brought to eternal life

b. *2 Peter 3:9* “The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.”

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