

Our Devotion: “Hidden Blessings for Service” by Lindsey Metzger of Indianapolis, Indiana, a professional writing student at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

“For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 (HCSB)

If you’re a born-again believer in Christ, God has gifted you with at least one spiritual gift. You may know what your gift/gifts are, or they may lay dormant inside you for a time before God makes them visible to you.

See, God’s funny. I thought for a long time I was supposed to go into teaching. I knew it was a spiritual gift I had, I took the spiritual gift test in my teen Bible and everything. At 11 years old, I knew I was going to go to Butler University and be an education major, and later go onto Anderson University and get my Masters degree. I was going to student teach under my kindergarten teacher, and then teach kindergarten at my old elementary school.

That plan slowly fell apart. My kindergarten teacher left that school to work closer to where she lived, I started engineering courses, and then decided to go to my parents alma mater, Anderson University, to be an engineering major. I was also denied into Butler, but that’s beside the point.

Then God threw another curve ball.

Now, as I start my sophomore year at Taylor University, pursuing a professional writing degree, I will say God has taken back my spiritual gift of teaching and revealed my gifts of serving, leadership, and administration. I’ll be honest, I have no clue how God is going to use those with me, but wherever He calls me next, I’ve learned to be obedient and follow.

If you feel God calling you to serve Him, do it! God’s plan is always more exciting than the ones we have for ourselves, and I’m saying that from experience.

Prayer: Father, I pray You use me how You want to use me. Give me the willingness to serve You in everything I do. Amen.