

• **Message Notes** - Last week

Ephesians 4:1-16 **GIFTED**

Everyone is good for something.

**Called** to do good in order to draw attention to God. No one is "good for nothing." Everyone has hands and a voice—and natural and spiritual gifts that can do good for people and draw attention to God for their good.

*"I beg you to live a life worthy of your calling."*

Ephesians 4:1

*"Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."*

Matthew 5:16

*"And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given to tell others. We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you."*

2 Corinthians 5:18-25

**Special Gift - Uncommon gifts** - external to us - put on us - by the Spirit of God. • 4:7 *"He has given each one of us a special gift..."*

In addition, God gives every Christian a God touched gift. It may be something rather natural like doing something with one's hands or wise advise ---- or it may be something as supernatural as doing a miracle.

*"To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another he gives the gift of special knowledge -- special faith to another—and to someone else he gives the power to heal, , , (and so on)." I Corinthians 12:8,9 (see Romans 12:6-8)*

**Common people having uncommon effects.**

*"Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes, or powerful, or wealthy when God called you." I Corinthians 1:26*

• Yet the Jewish leaders speaking of these first Christians said, *"They have turned the world upside down."*