



## **“Awakening The Servant Heart ” Devotional Guide**

### **Day 1: Rekindling the Fire**

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6 (NKJV) - "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you..."

Reflect on how easy it is for our spiritual fervor to fade. Just like a fire needs oxygen, so do our spiritual gifts need attention and care. What can you do daily to cultivate that fire? Think of ways to rekindle not just your passion for serving, but also your relationship with God.

Action: Spend time in prayer today, asking for God to reveal areas where your passion for service has dwindled. Write down any specific gifts you believe may need stirring up, and brainstorm ways to bring them back to life.

### **Day 2: Recognizing Your Gifts**

Scripture: Romans 12:6-8 (ESV) - "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..."

Reflect on the diversity of gifts mentioned in these verses. Each gift is essential, and they work together to build the community of faith. Are there gifts you admire in others that you may want to explore for yourself? 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 also reminds us that the Spirit distributes many gifts for the common good.

Action: Create a spiritual gifts inventory. Take time to pray and ask God to highlight the gifts in your life. Consider reaching out to a mentor or leader in your church to discuss your findings and seek their guidance.

### **Day 3: The Gift of Service**

Scripture: Romans 12:7 (ESV) - "If service, in our serving..."

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7 (ESV) - This passage describes how the apostles prioritized prayer and the ministry of the Word while appointing deacons to serve.

Think of a time when you served someone in need and how it made you feel. Serving often goes unnoticed, but it's foundational to the body of Christ. Consider how your daily acts of service can reflect God's love and grace. Galatians 5:13 states, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

Action: Volunteer to serve in your church or community this week. It could be as simple as helping someone with their groceries or organizing a community event. Keep a journal of your experiences and how they impact both you and those you serve.



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### **Day 4: Overcoming Challenges**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (ESV) - "Do not quench the Spirit."

It's easy to feel burnt out in service, particularly when we feel unappreciated. Discuss with God any feelings of fatigue or frustration. Ephesians 4:2-3 encourages us to serve with humility and patience, bearing with one another in love. How can prayer and community support help you navigate these challenges?

Action: Reach out to someone who understands your challenges in serving and talk openly about your experiences. Additionally, create a self-care plan that incorporates spiritual rest and renewal, dedicating specific times to recharge and allow the Holy Spirit to refresh you.

### **Day 5: Sharing Your Journey**

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:9-10 (ESV) - "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another..."

Discussion: Sharing your journey with others can not only strengthen your resolve but inspire them as well. Who in your life can benefit from discussing their service gifts? Hebrews 10:24-25 emphasizes the importance of encouraging one another and gathering together to stir up love and good works.

Action: Conduct an informal interview with someone in your church or community about their experiences in service. What inspires them to serve? Write down their insights and share them at your next small group or church meeting to encourage collective growth in service.

As you complete this week's devotional, take a moment to contemplate how God calls you to stir up your gifts and awaken your servant heart. Pray for the strength and courage to use your gifts for His glory and the edification of others.