

Created for Christ

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ICEBREAKER

Who is the best skateboarder at your school, in your town, or at your skate park?

VIDEO

GROUP QUESTION

If you could be the best in the world at something other than skateboarding, what would it be?

We were created by a loving Father, and that means everything about our existence was strategically planned out and carefully put together. Even though you might not see it now, God created you with a unique set of abilities and gifts. Some are great leaders, others are great teachers, some are extremely generous, and others are amazing encouragers. Sometimes it's hard to think of ourselves as gifted or to think that we have any talent whatsoever, but it is so important to know that God loved you enough to equip you with these traits and abilities.

When was the last time you were in a kitchen or hardware store and you saw something that you didn't know what it did? Describe the object. Do you know what it does now?

It's one thing to believe God created us with wonderful gifts and talents, but should we stop there? Tons of people do. People constantly search for things they are good at with the sole purpose of using those strengths for their own personal gain. The problem is that God created us with a bigger picture in mind. God didn't just give us these gifts and talents for our own selfish gain or self-esteem; He created us to use these things for His purpose and His Glory, and ultimately to be a part of the body of Christ.

Describe a time when you tried to do something on your own, then later realized that you needed help.

Believing in God means that we are not alone but are adopted into a universal family, a body of believers ordained by God to fulfill His plan. God didn't create us to be on our own, or for us to try and figure out how we can best use our lives to bring as much fame, money, and success to ourselves as possible. He created us with a plan in mind and equipped us with gifts and talents so that we can use them to bring Him glory, and be united with other believers in service to God. Kind of like how it might be fun for a couple of minutes to watch an amazing drummer play their heart out, how much more beautiful is music with other instruments and a full band?

God created us for a purpose and a life far bigger and greater than we could have ever imagined. It takes giving your life, your cares, your dreams, your abilities, and your gifts to Him so that He can turn them around and use them for something far greater. For something with not just a worldly impact but with eternal purpose.

What special qualities do you think that God has given you?

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”
1 Peter 4:10

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”
Romans 12:4-5

“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

What can you do this week to use your gifts for God?

- PRAYER -

God, I thank you today for everything that you have blessed me with. Thank you for every gift, every talent, and every unique ability that you have given me. I pray God that you can use me to bring glory to your holy name and not my own. Humble me and help me to surrender my everything to you today. In Jesus' name, Amen!