1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT2)

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

People buy these offroad, four-wheel trucks and vehicles, yet they keep them all prim and proper, cleaned, polished and spotless. But you know a real off roader by the way their truck looks. Sure a real off roader will clean their truck, but it will not be all polished and prim and proper but will have dents and scratches and scrapes and will not look new at all, but rather you can tell that it was used for it's intended purpose, to be driven offroad, and enjoyed while doing it.

But for those offroad, four-wheel trucks and vehicles that look all prim and proper and have no scratches or dents and look like they are still brand new. Theses were bought to make someone look good, but not for it's intended purpose. It would be like having a big screen TV in your living room but never turn it on, yet you keep the glass all cleaned and wipe it down every day to keep the dust off of it. Once again, it was bought to make someone look good because they can afford such a nice tv, yet it is never used for it's intended purpose

Another thought on things used for it's intended use is that kids now a days wear jackets and long sleeve sweatshirts with hoods on them (hoodies), even when it's in the 90's outside, because they are wearing them as a fashion statement, but not for their intended purpose, which is to warm them up when it's cold outside, not so they can sweat in it during the heat of summer (anyone with a teenage kid knows what I am talking about).

With all this in mind, remember that the Holy Spirit has given us ALL (if you are a Christian) gift(s). And if you think of my offroad truck example, we are given them to enjoy using them. But it's not to make you look good, but rather to point others to Jesus and to help one another in their walk with Jesus. "***A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.***" Yet how many want certain spiritual gifts because it will make them look cool as a Christian. They want gifts like a teacher or pastor or a worship leader, you know those gifts that everyone sees and that everyone knows them because of these gifts, so they think they look good as a Christian if they had them? But those who do, are seeking to look good in man's eyes, but not in God's eyes.

I love teaching God's word, because I love His word and I love teaching it to help others grow in Jesus Christ through His word.
I am also on the worship team at church, and I have my worship music available for all on streaming music platforms. But I do not play at church, nor is my music there so that everyone can say how great I am, but rather so that others will worship the Lord in song, making sure I am pointing others to the LORD and Him alone.

I never asked for these gifts, the Holy Spirit gave them to me. But with these main gifts, I do a lot of other things in the church and outside of the church that most do not even know about, because once again, the gifts I have are for the glory of the Lord, not for me to show off or make me look good. Even God said:

- **Isaiah 42:8** ***I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.***

This is so true, and since it is, why would God give us gifts that would bring glory to ourselves? He wouldn't; therefore, we should not seek any gift for our own glory, or to be noticed and to be lifted up because of what the Lord is doing through us. When Jesus was on this earth, didn't He say that ***"And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges."*** **John 8:50** Jesus always pointed to the Father, wanting to take everyone's eyes off of Him and bringing Glory to God. Even the Holy Spirit was sent to testify of Jesus, and not Himself.

- **John 15:26** ***But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.***

So, in your life, who are you wanting others to see more of, the Lord or you?

- **Psalm 115:1** ***Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.***

- **Psalm 86:11-13 (NLT2)** ***Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you. With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, for your love for me is very great. You have rescued me from the depths of death.***