

Building An Inclusive Life Based On Gifts, Talents, and Strengths

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**There is a dullness in our
senses: we
do not see
do not hear
do not perceive and
understand
*giftedness***

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- Wisdom
- Challenge
- Peacemaking
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- Forgiveness and mercy
- Encouragement
- Call to life, bringing meaning to life
- Spiritual truths

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**If we are to achieve a
richer culture...we
must weave one in
which each diverse
human gift will find a
fitting place**

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**Are these not gifts
needed, even
required by any
thoughtful, growing
and welcoming
community?**

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**When we begin to see
gifts it is though a fog
has been lifted from
our eyes. This
different view leads
to a new world.**

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**Embracing giftedness
opens the way for full
inclusive individual
lives and creates
stronger communities**

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