

Discovery and Utilization

God has created us each individually, giving us unique gifts which come into our life in various mediums. Some of these gifts come in forms of abilities and talents, which are relatively easy for both us and those around us to appreciate. What we often don't realize is that gifts are also found in our unique dispositions and shortcomings. These are things that the world tells us to hide deep within ourselves because it brings us shame or would make us seem weak when surfaced. On the contrary, these dispositions and experiences are some of the most valuable gifts we receive from God, as they were vital in shaping us with the sensitivities and understandings that we have today.

"More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

—Romans 5:3-5

God has created each of us differently; we have different endowments and different weaknesses. This should lead to the logical conclusion that everyone then must have their own exclusive purpose in God's great plan. After discovering what God has blessed each of us with, we must then discern the reason he gave us these specific tools so we may begin to find how we can bring Glory to Him.

Commune

Society has condemned men to keep their feelings bundled inside of their hardened hearts. We are forced to hold our insecurities and weaknesses within arms reach at all times or risk ridicule. But as brothers in Christ we are subject to no such ridicule in the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

—Romans 12:2

To truly seek out your identity, it requires that fellow brothers discard societal stigmas, while showing humility and encouragement. In finding how you can bring Glory to His Kingdom, you require a brotherhood that looks out for one another, guiding each other as a body of Christ. What better place is there to talk and cry on shoulders, than the brotherhood in CCF-- people who are going through very similar experiences as yourself. God has placed each of us into different circumstances, that makes it important for us to come together to unpack our hearts and share with each other. I want to create a place where everyone can make progress at their own pace facing those questions, while being reinforced and encouraged by family of Christ. Ultimately, this will become a group of Men that will consolidate their endowments to use for the Glory of God. I remember personally, it was somewhere between hearing other people's experiences throughout their spiritual journey and the intimacy and laughs shared on hard-hitting topics, where I first found myself a place in this fellowship and grew to understand my place in God's will. Likewise, at the end of the year, I envision people not only finding purpose in God's will, but through that also finding their irreplaceable spot in the fellowship.