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## Acting at the Impulse of Grace

You may have heard the comparison of the church to a football game in which there are a few tired players on the field who are desperately in need of rest and a stadium full of spectators desperately needing exercise.

The point is not without merit.

But there is a flaw in that image. It implies, to some degree, that to get into the game, you need to become a specialist, someone who has to make the cut, someone found to be a “cut above.”

In the Body of Christ, in order to be functionally engaged, the only “specialty” you need is a genuine willingness to follow the prompting of the Coach Himself. Every believer has a specialty. In 1 Corinthians 12:1-3 we are told that we all have gifts, and each gift has its own ministry designed by the Coach, and each ministry has its own effect. Each of us by grace is divinely unique. We fit together, but each of us are one of a kind.

So if you are in the stands and not sure where to start, be encouraged. You don’t have to master “Gift Theology” for your gift to function. The Coach knows what He made you to be. Just trust Him.

He has designed you to be an agent of His grace, so just listen, and He who is in you will speak and you will know His voice. Then, be what God has designed you to be.

Wayne McDill’s book *Making Friends for Christ* suggests that each of us can make a friend and be an agent of grace in that person’s life. No special skills needed. Just a heart to care and share life with someone who needs to discover “up close and personal” who God really is.

Let the God of grace reveal Himself through your warmth and compassion and the naturalness of letting others know how your life has been changed by His grace.



## Take Your Next Step

Begin by being attentive to your Friend as He brings others into your life who have not yet discovered His grace. Ask, and He will provide you with divine encounters.

The only special training you need is the regular experience of spending time in His presence, discovering anew each day that He loves you and wants His love to flow through you. Daily ask Him to know His mind and to see others around you as He sees them. Ask Him for the inner resources to invest time and energy into the life of another, so that the Face of grace will draw others to Himself.