

TEACH THOSE WHO HAVE A HARD TIME LEARNING

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Pt 4:10).

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From Junior's diary

One day in school, the teacher asked who would like to sit next to Franco, a very poor boy whose family lived in a garage.

During the year I had noticed that he had seldom changed his clothes and so he always looked disheveled and many times smelled badly. None of us wanted to volunteer when the teacher asked.

It was hard for me to say I would sit with him, because I knew I would have to explain the work to him and spend time helping him. I would not feel free to do my own work.

But inside my heart I felt strongly that if I wanted to live for a united world, I had to start by loving this boy. I made my decision and with all my love, I told my teacher that I could sit next to Franco.

Just making this choice gave me so much joy! My friends were so surprised to see me smiling at Franco. And when I saw the expression on his face, I had the impression that he too felt joy in his heart.

How can I use well the various gifts I have received from God?
How can I use them to serve others?



It's as if someone
would ask me:

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Are you good in your school work?

Did you ever think of offering one hour a week to teach someone who needs help or can't afford to go to school?

Are you particularly generous?

Did you ever think of organizing some good people to start a project to help those who are poor or marginalized and in this way spread the idea that each and every person deserves respect?

Do you have a special gift for comforting others?

Look around and see who needs you.

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Can you imagine what it would be like if everyone used their gifts to serve others?

There would be such strong and deep mutual love among them all that non-Christians would be able to recognize them as the disciples of Christ. If this is the result, why not do all we can to achieve it?