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Our Focus this Quarter - *Your Gifts to the World*

This year we have explored your personal success, your individual patterns of success and what it means to elicit your greatness. This quarter we take it one step further and begin to clarify what your unique gifts are to your world.

We each have gifts and I invite you to believe that there are areas in your life where your gifts are needed and being sought. Simply put, you have an opportunity each day to contribute to your world. You get to choose the gifts, where and when to offer them. Today is the day - the world needs your gifts.

Quotable Quotes

"Welcome every morning with a smile. Look on the new day as another special gift from your Creator, another golden opportunity to complete what you were unable to finish yesterday. Be a self-starter. Let your first hour set the theme of success and positive action that is certain to echo through your entire day. Today will never happen again. Don't waste it with a false start or no start at all. You were not born to fail." ~ Og Mandino

"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more." ~ Anthony Robbins

"The greatest gift is to give people your enlightenment, to share it. It has to be the greatest..." ~ Hindu Prince Gautama Siddharta, the founder of Buddhism, 563-483 B.C.

"The greatest gift is a portion of thyself." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Susan,

Your Gifts to the World - The Greatest Gift

Last month, as we finished our three month section on 'Eliciting Greatness,' I left you with the following encouragement - 'Believe that if you give 5 minutes a day to be present and share your greatness in the world.' Sharing your greatness means you share your gifts and take on the power to



An Invitation

Knowing your gifts begin with a knowledge of your values. I was reminded recently that your values frame your purpose in life. Consider that your values also connect to the gifts you have to offer. I invite you to identify and understand your values. Check out the *Values in Action* questionnaire at www.authentichappiness.com

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stand out, step up and step out.

Did you take on this challenge to share your greatness and your gifts to your world? Have you truly considered what your individual gifts might be? Are you comfortable sharing your talents, your strengths, your attitudes, your motivations with others? I have observed that many of us are hesitant to share our gifts with others, either because we are convinced that we have nothing to share, or we are not sure that others are interested in what we have to share, or we just sincerely believe that what we have to share is not important enough.

Many of you are aware that I am a fan of the PRINT® Survey - a motivational style assessment. I believe that knowing the 'why' in addition to knowing the 'how' and 'what' is key to understanding our gifts to others. I often use the results of this survey with teams to support the team members getting to know the strengths and power that each of them bring to the whole.

There are nine (9) motivational styles and each contributes to the whole. While we have a little of each of these motivations, we shine with two that are our major and minor PRINTs®.

So ... are these gifts yours to share ...

- a commitment to fairness,
- an extraordinary understanding of people
- an ability to snatch victory from defeat,
- a skill at handling people issues,
- the skill of analytical thinking,
- the ability to demonstrate courage in a crisis,
- innovative, creative ideas,
- a strong inspirational presence,
- a skill at generating ideas?

More importantly, do you believe that the list of contributions above are truly gifts that make a difference in our world? They ARE. We cannot even begin to elicit the greatness each of us to offer without these gifts. And we so often ignore what we do so well and so naturally as a gift. We often find it hard to believe that our gifts add a spark that can change, influence and even shift our world.

As we begin to explore the gifts you can bring more fully into your world, I invite you to think back through this year of exploration of your personal success, your success patterns and what it means to elicit greatness in the world. Consider that you have a special and unique gift to the world and more likely more than one gift! What that gift is, you will have to discover for yourself. Be open to consider that it is what you do naturally and without much thought every day of your life. Listen to what others are so eager to announce as your gifts.

May you truly hear what others say about your greatest gifts,

Jean



CHOOSE to...

...consider a recent personal success ... your pattern of success in action
... learn the greatness you uniquely have to share ... believe it ... choose
one of your gifts and believe...believe that someone you meet today needs
that gift you have to share.

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My **Constructive Choices** Audience...

- * Professionals wanting to be at **choice** in their career and daily work,
- * New Managers (and aspiring leaders) transitioning to establish a leadership role in their communities,
- * Individuals wanting to sort through the **choices**, build a more fulfilling life, lift their voices, and...
- * Coaches who choose to step out, show up, and say - *YES, it IS all about YOU!*

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