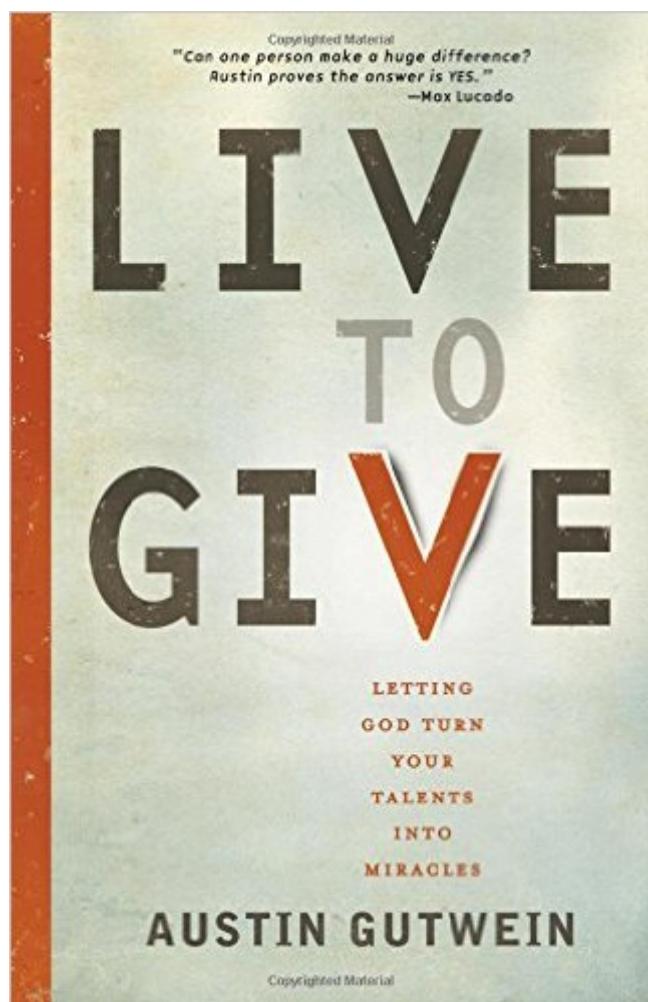


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# Live To Give: Let God Turn Your Talents Into Miracles



## **Synopsis**

Want to do something for God but don't know what? Want to help others but don't know who? Want to know what it is you're really good at doing? Your gifts may feel small and insignificant. But God can use them to work a miracle! Inspired by the biblical story of the feeding of the 5,000, Live to Give delivers a message of hope that we all have something to give. Written in the down-to-earth, candid voice of the gifted young man who as a kid founded a relief ministry that has saved and improved countless lives in Africa, Live to Give is the message that every teen needs to hear: You are more special than you know, and you can do big things. Jesus proved that no gift is too small when He used five loaves and two fish to feed a crowd of thousands. And if no gift is too small, too ordinary, or too random, there is no limit to what the youth of today can accomplish! A teenage philanthropist who has built a high school, two medical clinics, five dormitories, two computer labs, and countless wells in Africa-all before the age of 16-Austin Gutwein shares how to take what may seem like the simplest of talents, gifts, and interests and use them for something Jesus can use to move mountains.

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This was a very inspiring book. Most of the time while I was reading it I forgot how young the author is. He has a very mature way of writing. Then there were times that he would say something that would "snap" me back to reality and I'd realize just how young he was. It was amazing to read his story. To think, someone so young has done something so fantastic with his life already! Just imagine all the amazing things he's yet to accomplish.I liked that the message focused on the little

boy who gives his lunch to Jesus, and Jesus performs a miracle using that boy's lunch. This boy and his seemingly meager lunch was used to feed thousands of people! While it's a story we're all familiar with I'd never really focused that much attention to it. Gutwein shows how something so simple can become something much more significant if we allow ourselves to give our gifts to God. This book was so well written, as I said earlier I kept forgetting how young the author is. But I think his youth is what makes this book so enjoyable. He's so enthusiastic about his message - the kind of enthusiasm children often have about everything. Not only does his enthusiasm show through but he's able to take the concepts he's trying to convey and make them so simple. I know this book is geared towards children, teens, and young adults but I think the message is one what we all can benefit from. As we get older I think we tend to feel as if we don't have anything left to contribute or that our gifts aren't as "strong" as they were when we were young and we had the enthusiasm and energy we used to have. But through Gutwein's words I realized that as long as I give my gifts - no matter how insignificant I may think they are - that they can be used to do something wonderful.

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