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Embrace Your Gifts

Don't die with your music
still in you.

— *Wayne Dyer*

One Sunday morning I heard the minister say that everyone is an Olympic champion at something. When I heard that, I got a big lump in my throat because I honestly felt that it meant everyone but me.

Now I know it means everyone. No one is excluded.

I once read an article in a popular magazine about a woman who had just published a cookbook about cheesecake. She had many different recipes for cheesecake – all different flavours and presentations – a cheesecake

for every occasion. The article celebrated her success.

What inspired me about her story was that she had started out by giving cheesecakes to her neighbours on their birthdays. She became well known in her community and people started ordering cheesecakes from her for their dinner parties and special occasions.

Now she is living her dream.

It's just cheesecake. But she was an Olympic champion at it. And you are an Olympic champion at something. And if this idea causes you to have a big lump in your throat – well, ignore it. Because you are about to find out what your specialty is. All you need to do is ask. Ask Life, ask God, ask your Higher Self, ask your soul. And keep asking until you get the answer. And when you do, use your

gift to serve others whenever you can. And your happiness will increase.

Knowing your calling doesn't mean you have to quit your job to answer it. It just means that your life will be better if you answer that call – in whatever small way you can. The expression of your unique gift needs to become a part of your life, to help bring you to your highest and happiest way of being.

Your gift may turn into your life's work or it may simply be something that adds beauty to the world – and happiness to your life.