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| **“I’m the Greatest”*****“There are different kinds of gifts,******but the same Spirit distributes them.******-1 Corinthians 12:4*****As a child, I remember spending hours upon hours playing baseball at the church field near my house.****It didn’t matter how many of us could or could not play on any given day, those of us who could, did.****We always made the necessary adjustments so that somehow, someway, we would use our mitts, bats and baseball to play some version of baseball.****If we had a bunch of friends, we would play “traditional baseball”.****If we did not have enough, we would play “500”.****If we only had three people, we would play “Run down”.****If we had two, we would play catch.****If it was only me, I would play catch with myself with my “Pitchback”.****When my brother or friends were not around, I could go out to the backyard and play catch with myself.****When no one was around, I could still play.****That reminds me of a cute story of a little boy who had no one to play baseball with one day.****His mom was watching him through the open kitchen window and heard him say to himself;****“I’m the greatest hitter in the world”.****He tossed the ball into the air, swung and missed.****“Strike one” he said to himself.****He picked up the ball, threw it into the air and said to himself;****“I’m the greatest batter ever.”****He swung and missed again.****“Strike two”.****He paused for a moment, examined the bat and the ball carefully, tossed the ball into the air for a third time, and said;****“I’m the greatest hitter who has ever lived.”****He swung his bat hard again and for a third time swung and missed.****“Wow, strike three!”****Then his mom heard him say to himself.****“What a pitcher.”****“I’m the greatest pitcher in the world.”*****Prayer******Lord, help me to have a good perspective like the little boy who loved playing baseball.******Help me to “make the best of what is”.******When I cannot do one thing well,******help me to optimistically see that******I can do something else well.******You have blessed me.******I thank you and ask you to help me to see those blessings and the things that you have enabled me to do.******And help me not to focus on the things that I cannot do.******In Jesus’ name.******Amen!******“There are different kinds of gifts,******but the same Spirit distributes them.******-1 Corinthians 12:4*****God Bless,****Pastor Dave****Word of Life Church****17525 W. Bell Rd.****Surprise, AZ 85374** |

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