

For teachers, mentors, and helping professionals

THE TEACHER'S GIFT

*Discovering and Using Your
CORE GIFT to Inspire and Heal*



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"Anderson writes from a deep conviction that every human being has gifts to share with the world. His long, practical experience at helping people in many walks of life identify and use their gifts has resulted in a book that will benefit all who read it. May it be read by many!"

—PARKER J. PALMER author of *The Courage to Teach*, *Let Your Life Speak*, and *A Hidden Wholeness*

WHAT'S YOUR CORE GIFT?

Every teacher has a core gift—a specific and identifiable attribute of their teaching style—which is tied to both their talents and their difficult life experiences. Identifying and intentionally using this core gift provides powerful results in both the learner and the teacher's life—moments which can take learning to levels not commonly seen in classrooms, social service offices, or mentoring on street corners.

Weaving learning theory, mentoring tradition, spirituality and psychology into a coherent explanation of why teachers are so passionate about their work, Anderson makes a solid case that good teaching requires bringing together two of the most important activities of mankind—healing oneself and helping others expand their idea of who they might be in the world.

Anderson's stories and examples, along with the included teacher's dialogue, will help teachers of all kinds understand and more fully use their driving passion to help others learn.

Knowing and using your CORE GIFT will help you:

- continually recharge your energy and hopefulness.
- be genuinely welcomed and respected for who you really are.
- contribute to your own healing and ability to see others in a more compassionate light.
- develop powerful strategies to increase student's desire to learn and decrease non-desirable behaviors.
- increase your ability to recognize and effectively use mentoring moments.
- have an increased level of courage to face difficulties arising in teaching environments and every aspect of your life.

Bruce Anderson is a nationally recognized speaker, teacher, and leadership coach. Equally at home in both remote villages and large urban communities, Bruce is known for his ability to bring old stories and wisdom into modern culture. Offering his own core gift of helping people use their imagination to find a new hopefulness, Anderson uses a combination of straight talk, compassionate humor, innovative research, and street-smart experience to inspire teachers of all kinds.



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