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Sabbatical Reflections

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*The Most Neglected Components
within our Unforced
Rhythms of Grace are*

SOLITUDE

and

SACRED SILENCE

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SOLITUDE and *SACRED SILENCE*

“Isolation is putting yourself in a cage. Solitude is putting your distractions in a cage”

Gary Oliver

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SACRED SILENCE

Elijah listened for the still,
small voice of God...

It came in "the sound of sheer
silence"

- I Kings 19:12

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SOLITUDE and SACRED SILENCE

Scripture says that silence can be a demonstration of my steadied faith... an obedience to God's repeated exhortations to...

Be Still...

To Listen...

To wait...

And a resolved trust in my Redeemer to show up and move and act and deliver...

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*WHY SO MANY ARE
OBSESSED WITH THE
FRONT STAGE*

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- Because we are approval sucks - Antagonists are being allowed to set the agenda for our Churches.

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- Nehemiah 3:5-6

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The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors. ⁶ The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place.

Nehemiah 3:5-6

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- Sadly, many are happy to hear stories of ministry failure.

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*Temper, Greed, Pride, Jealousy,
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- There is a reluctance to confess humiliating sins.
Temper, Greed, Pride, Jealousy, and Lust are commonly confessed.
- Envy is a humiliating sin to confess.
Slander and Gossip are rooted in envy.

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***FAR TOO MANY
PASTORS ARE DOING
FAR TOO LITTLE TO
CLOSE THE
MATURITY GAP INDEX***

The Danger of Frontstage Obsession

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Why and How
First Impressions
Shallow Assumptions
Front Stage Impressions
Are Hurting the Church

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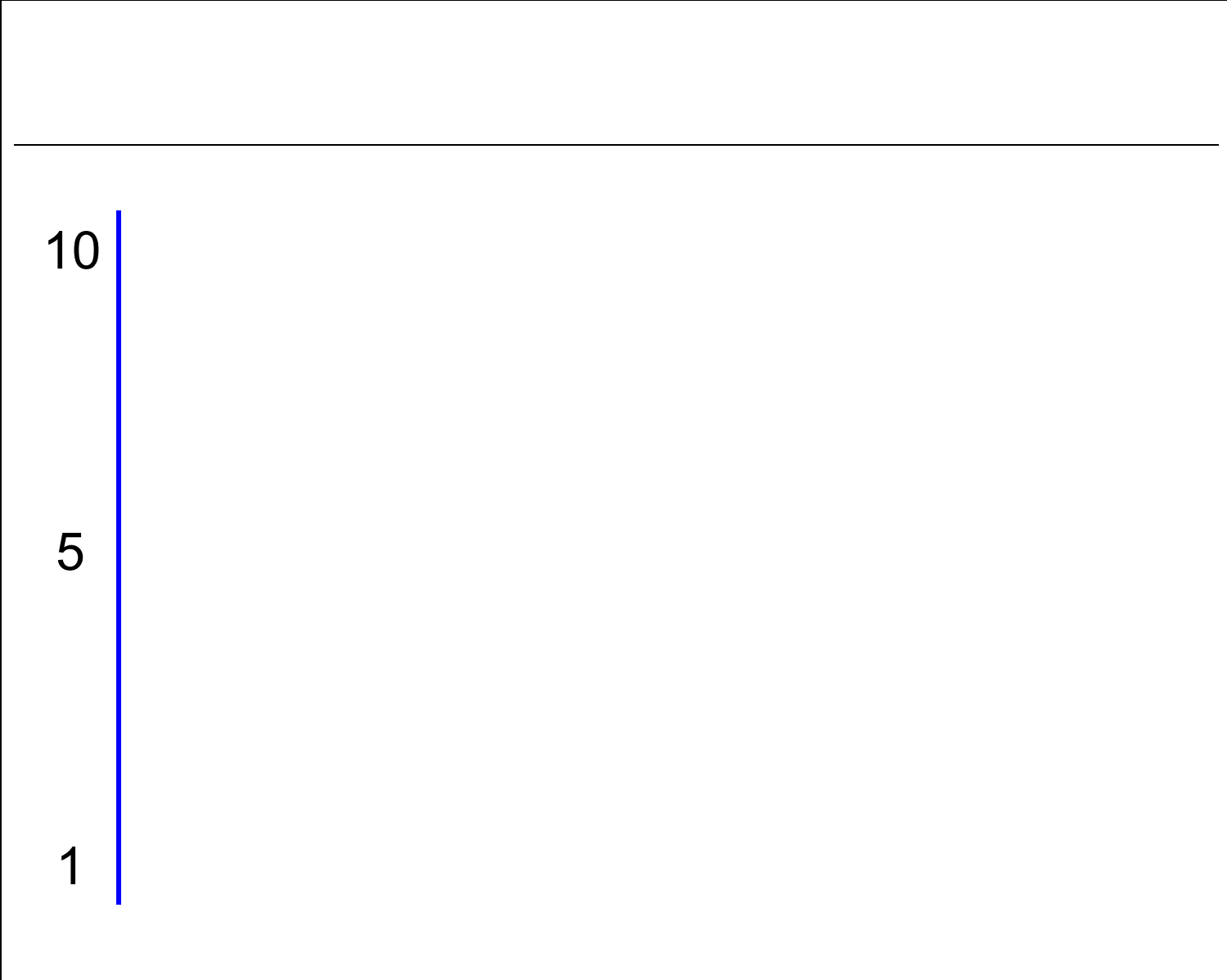
The Problem

*We make massive Assumptions
about the Backstage solely
based on the Front Stage*

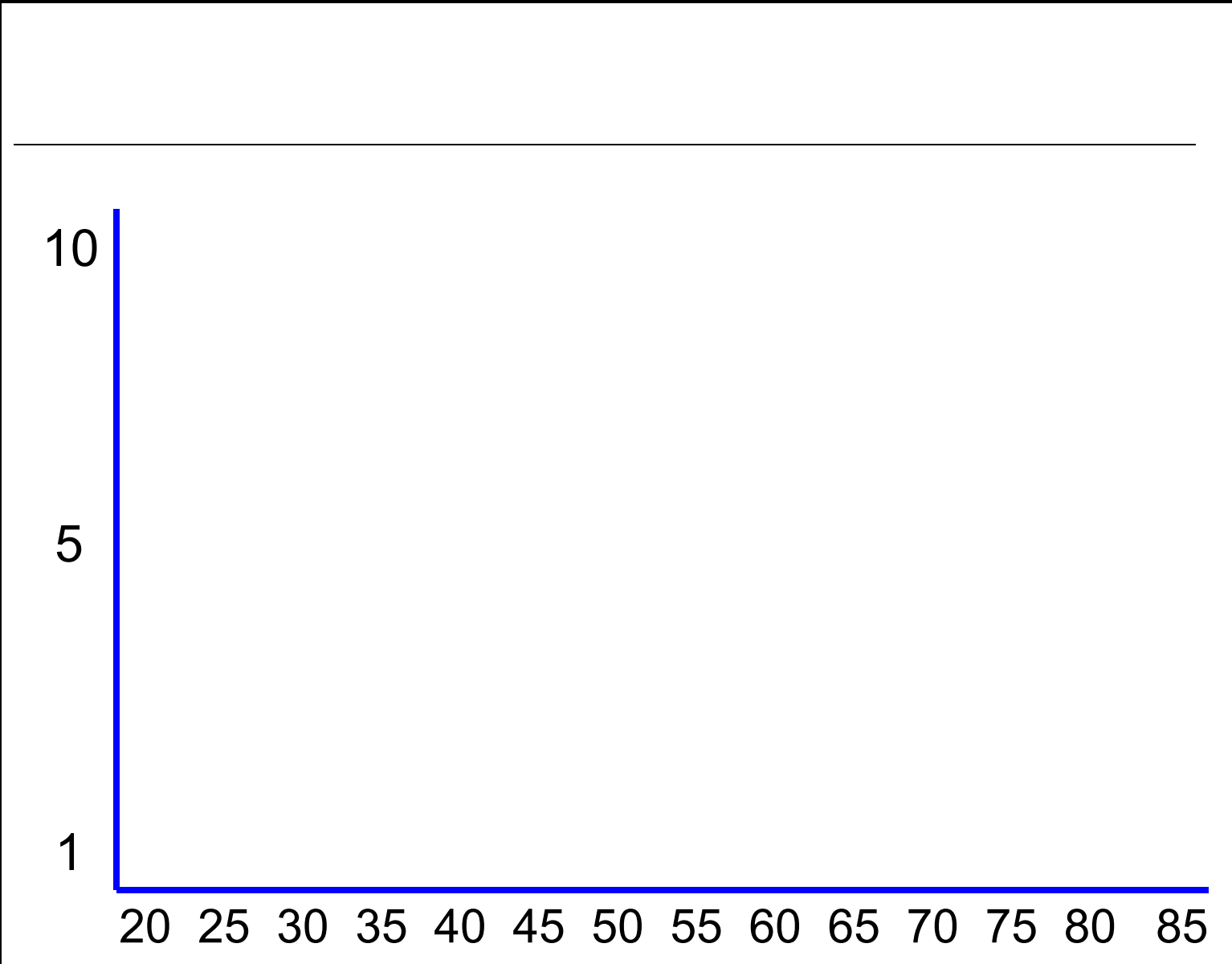
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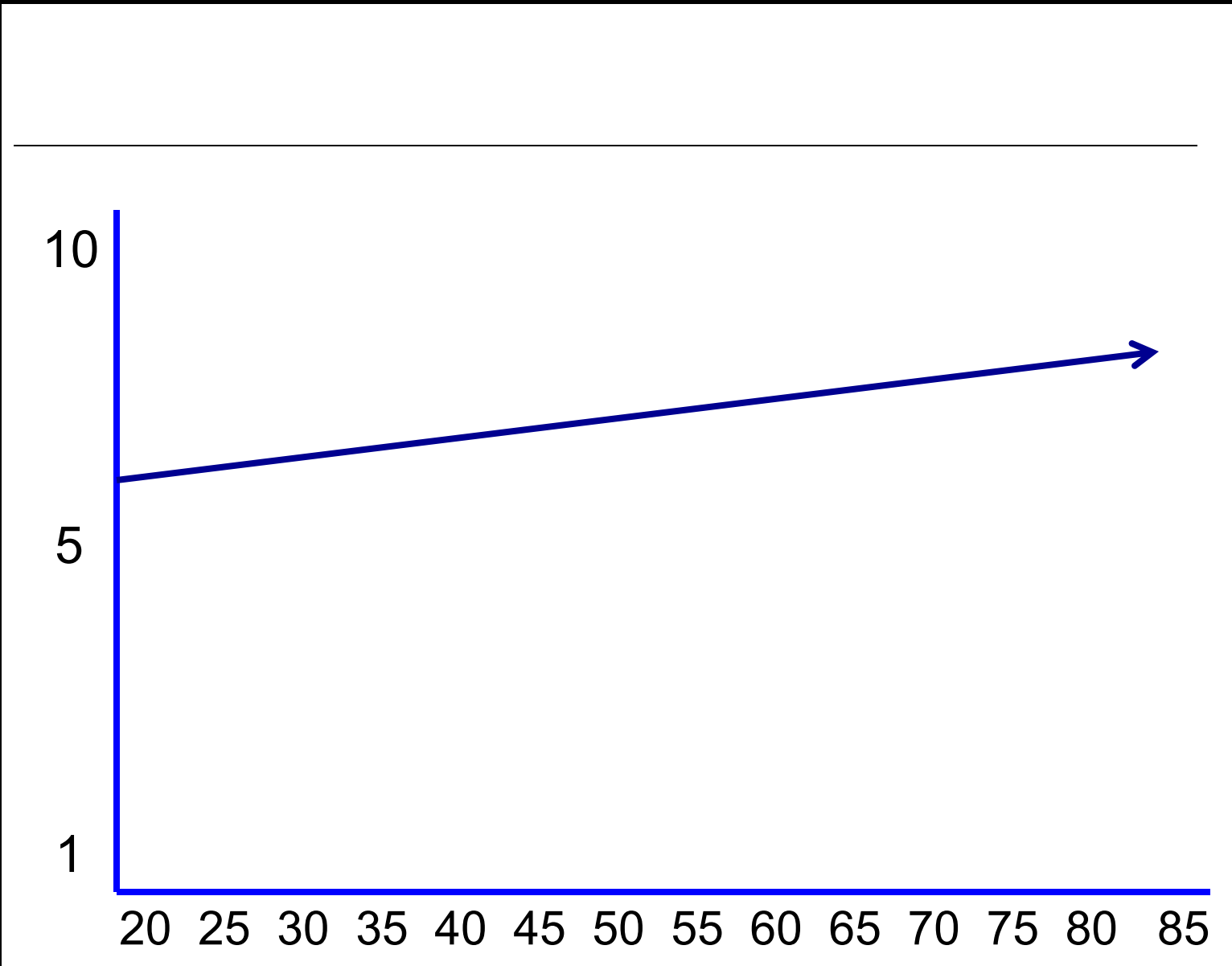
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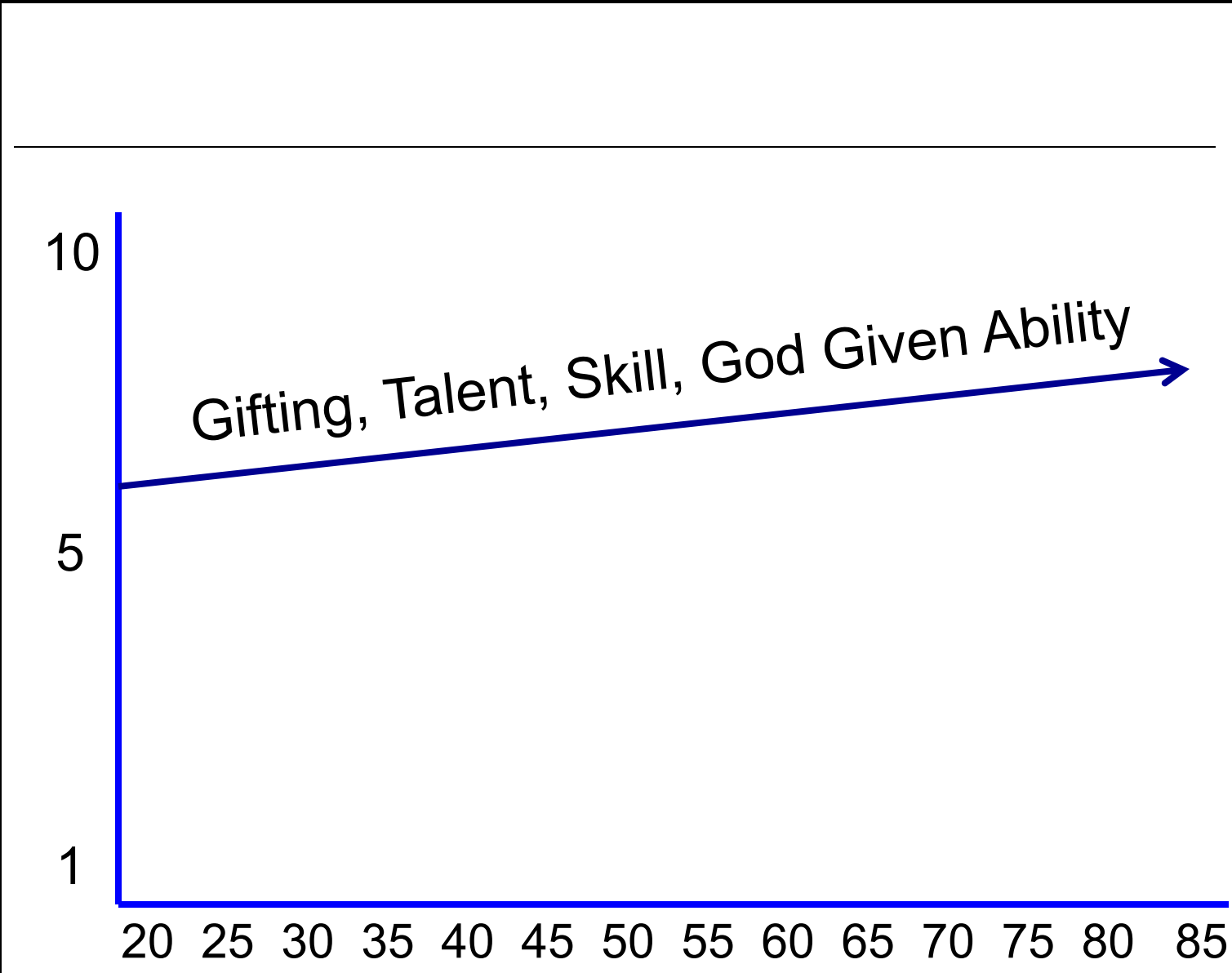
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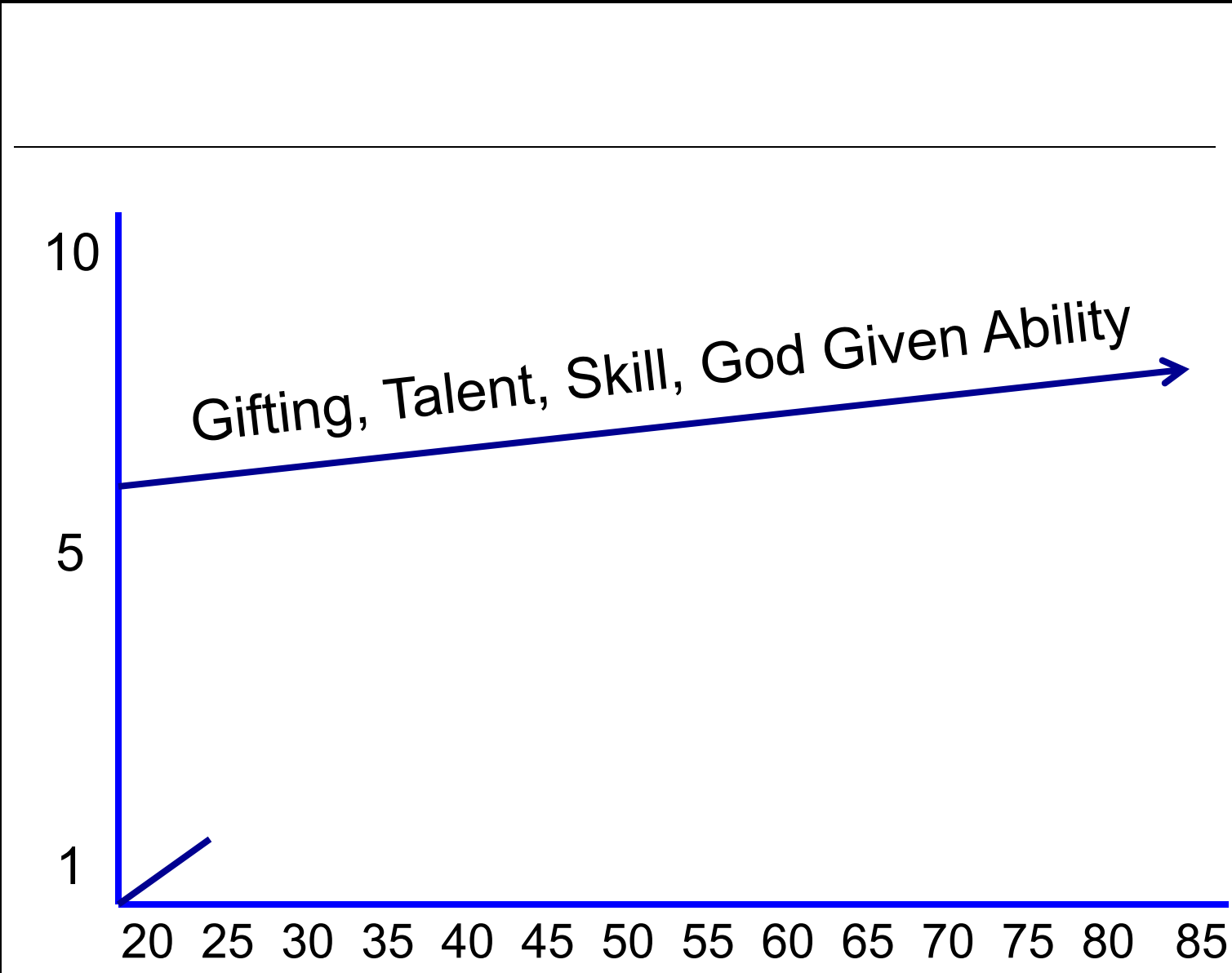
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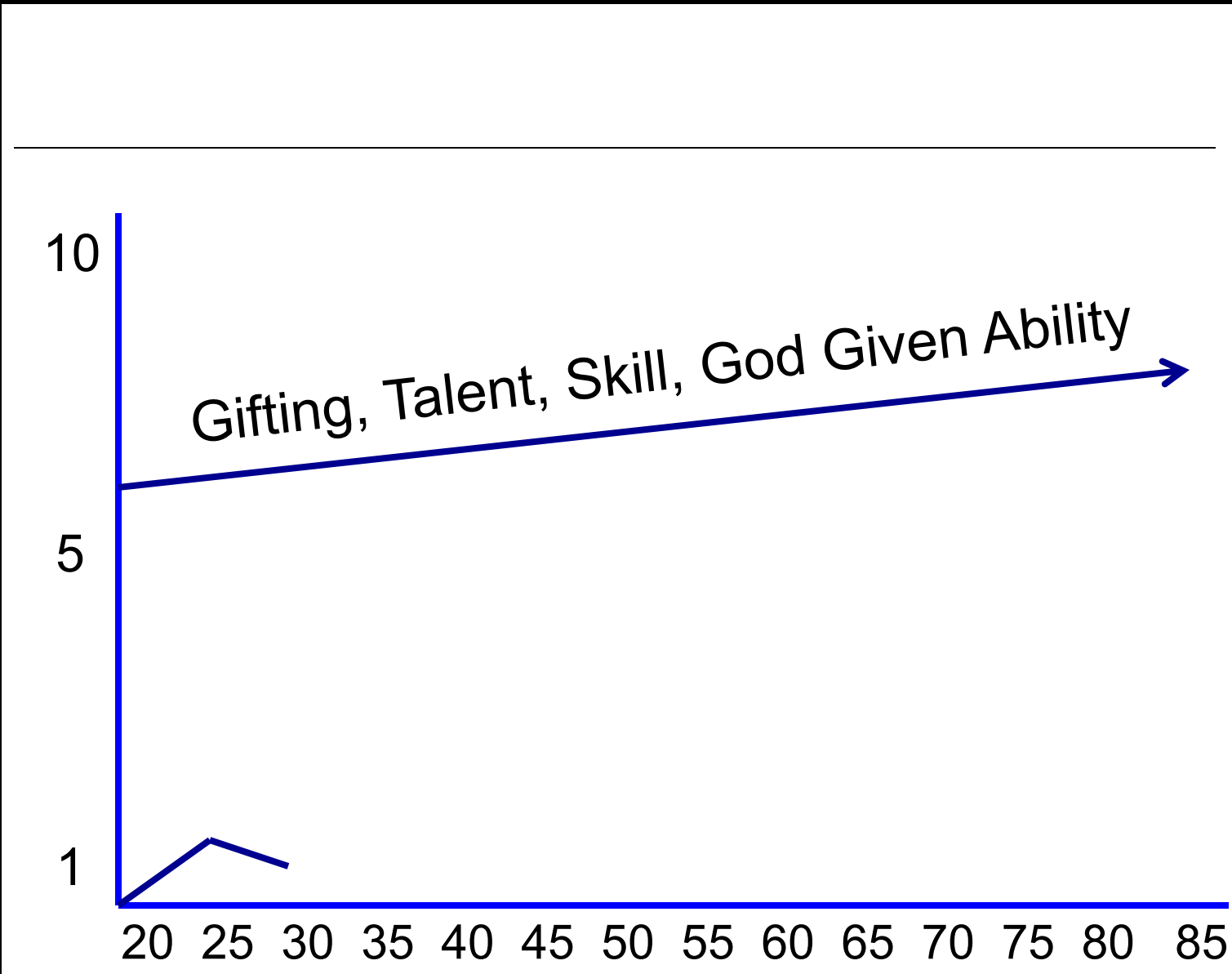
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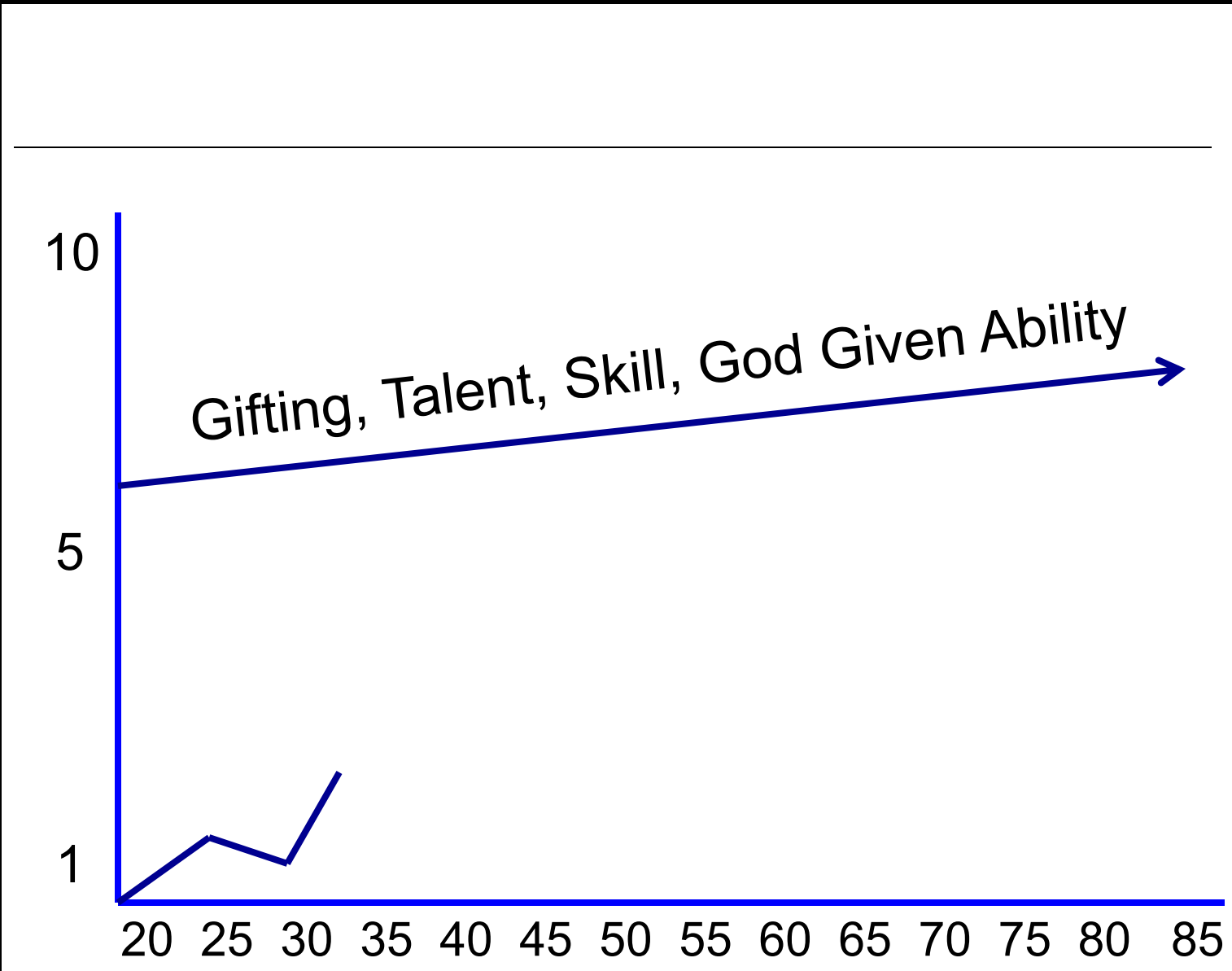
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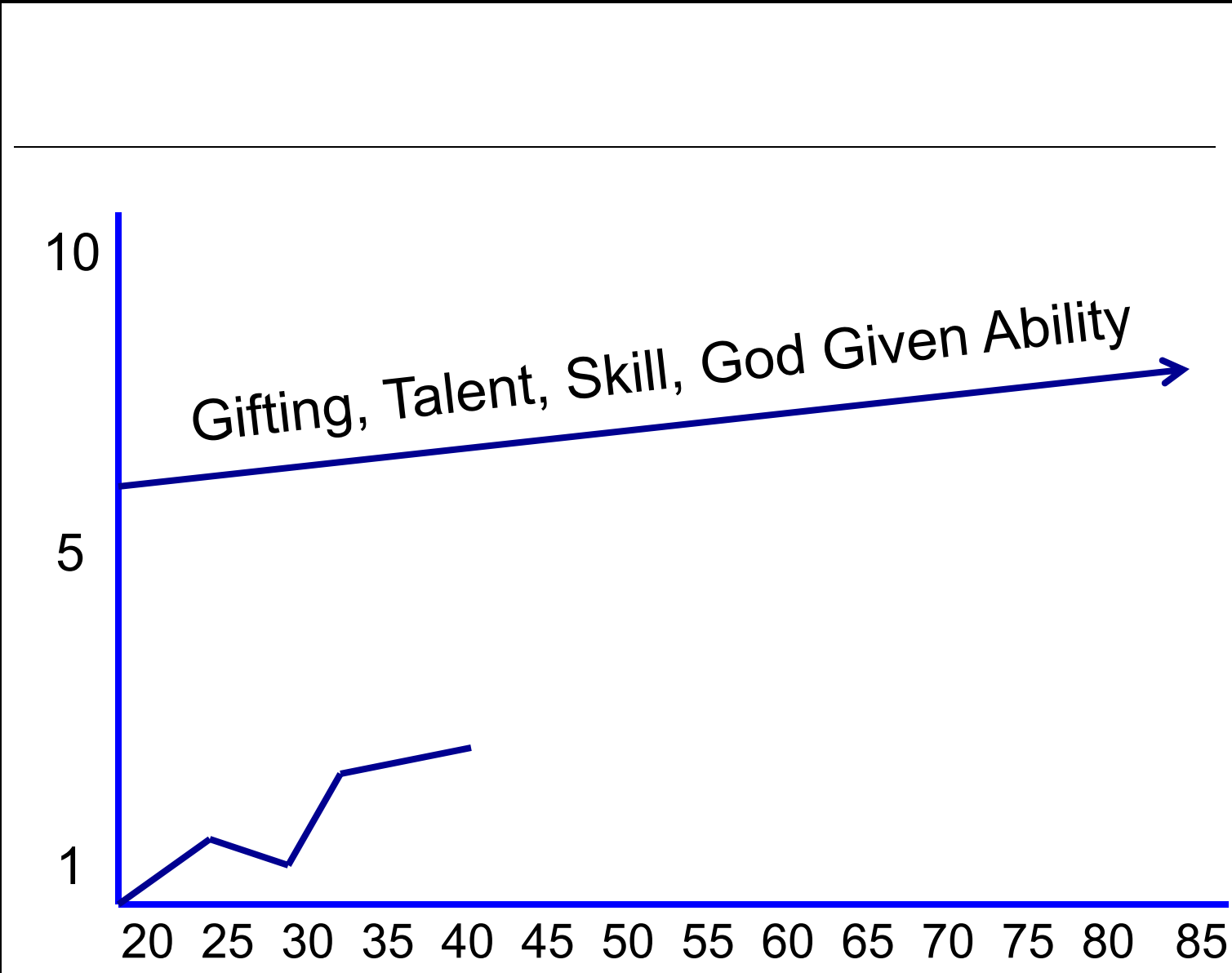
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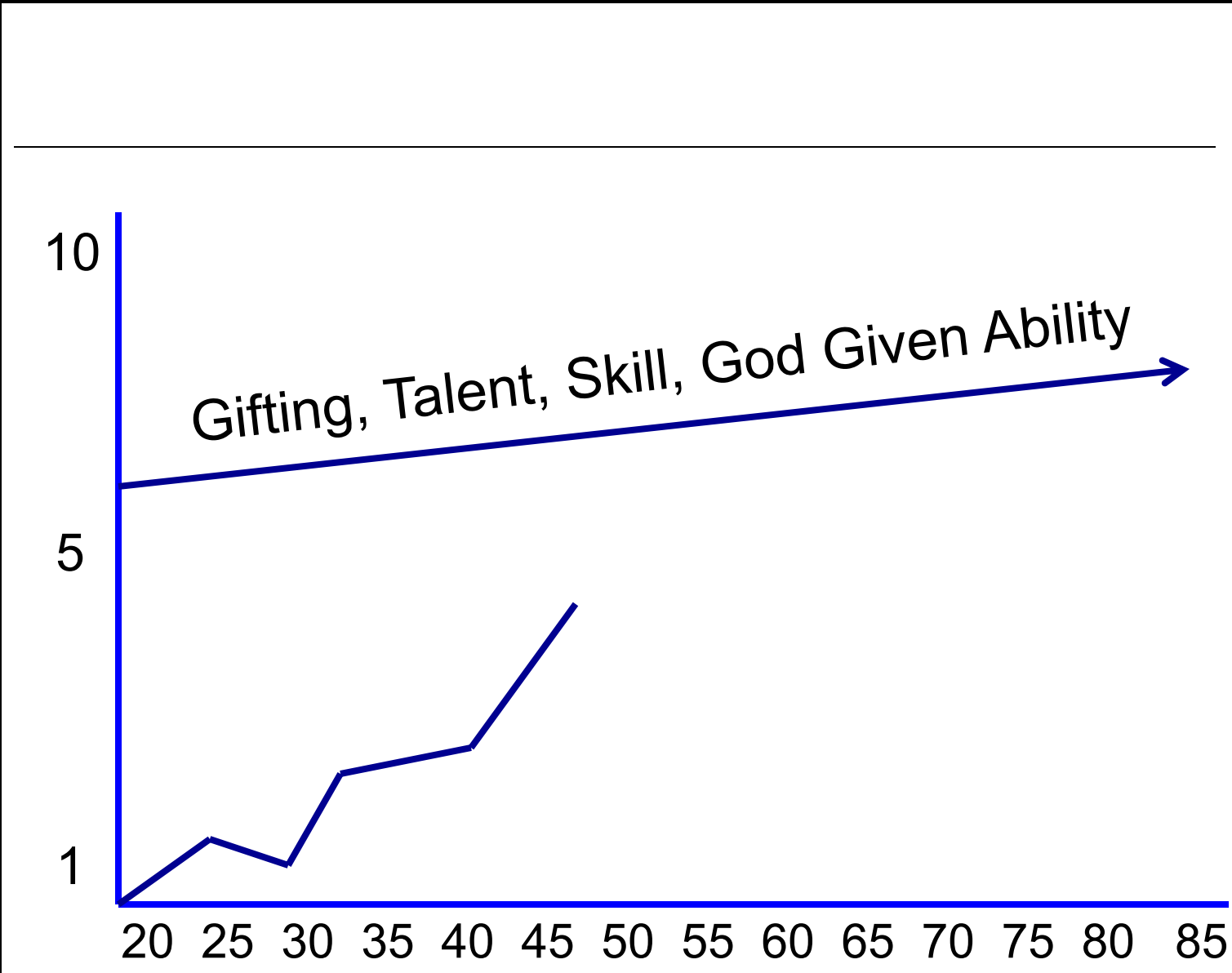
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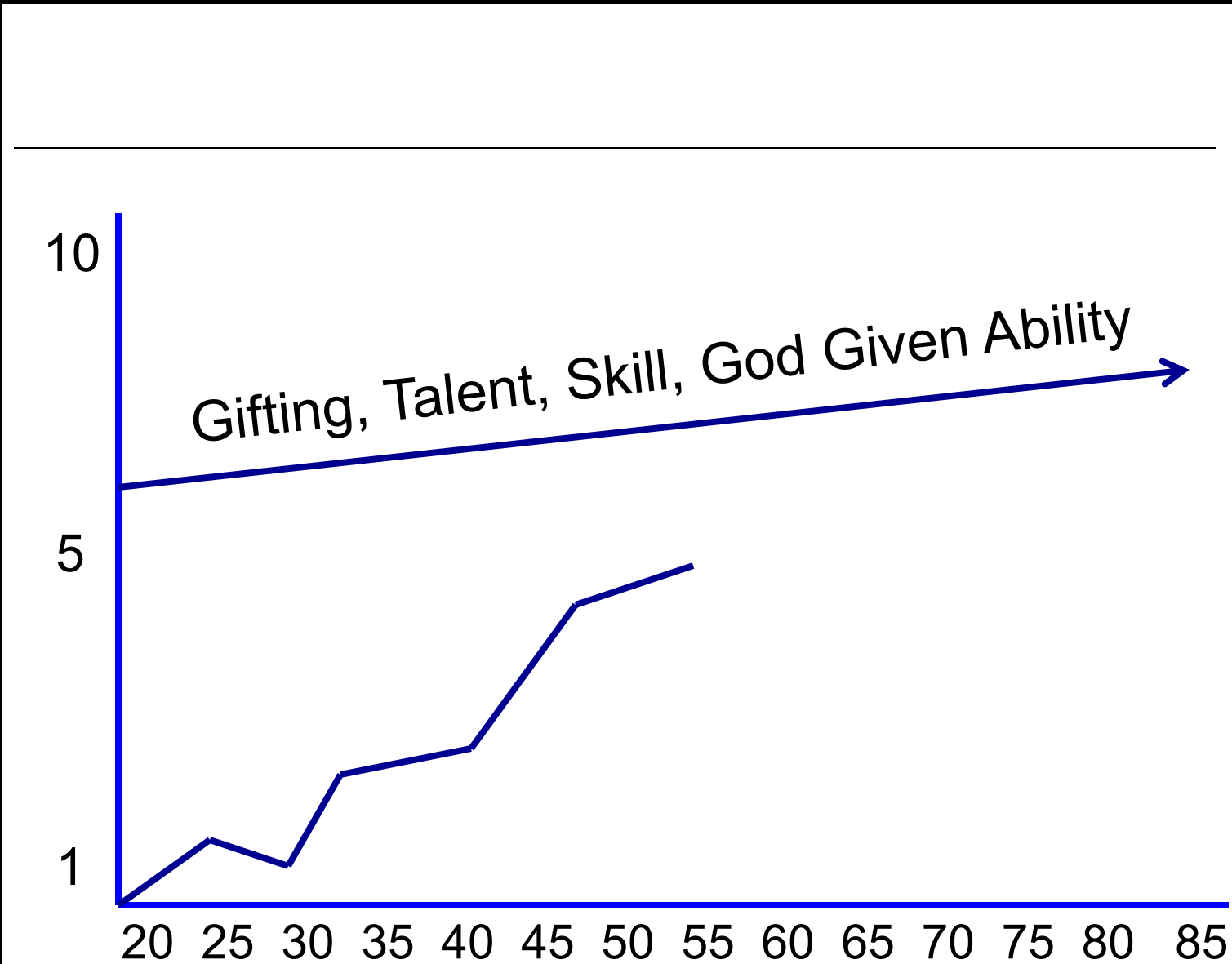
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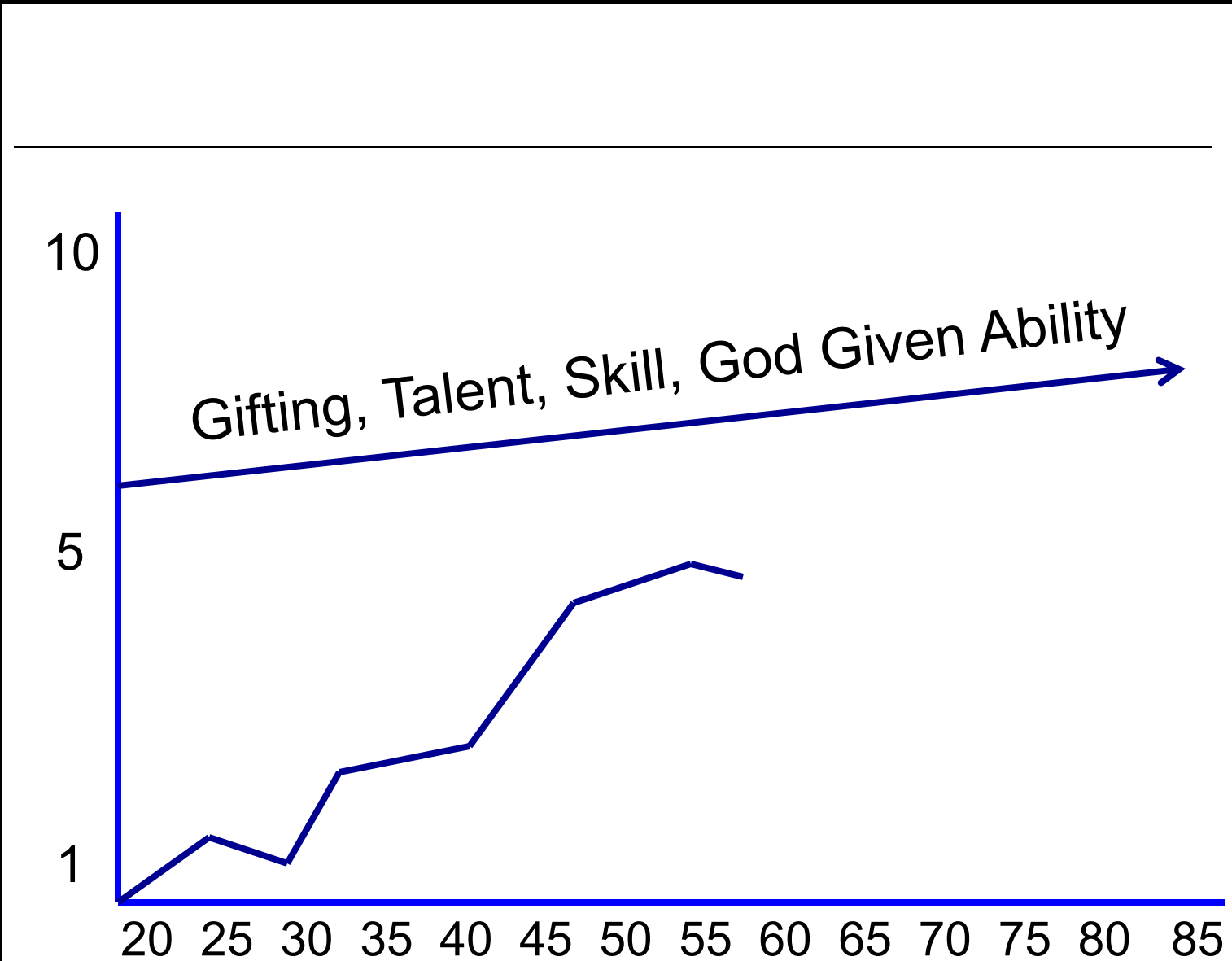
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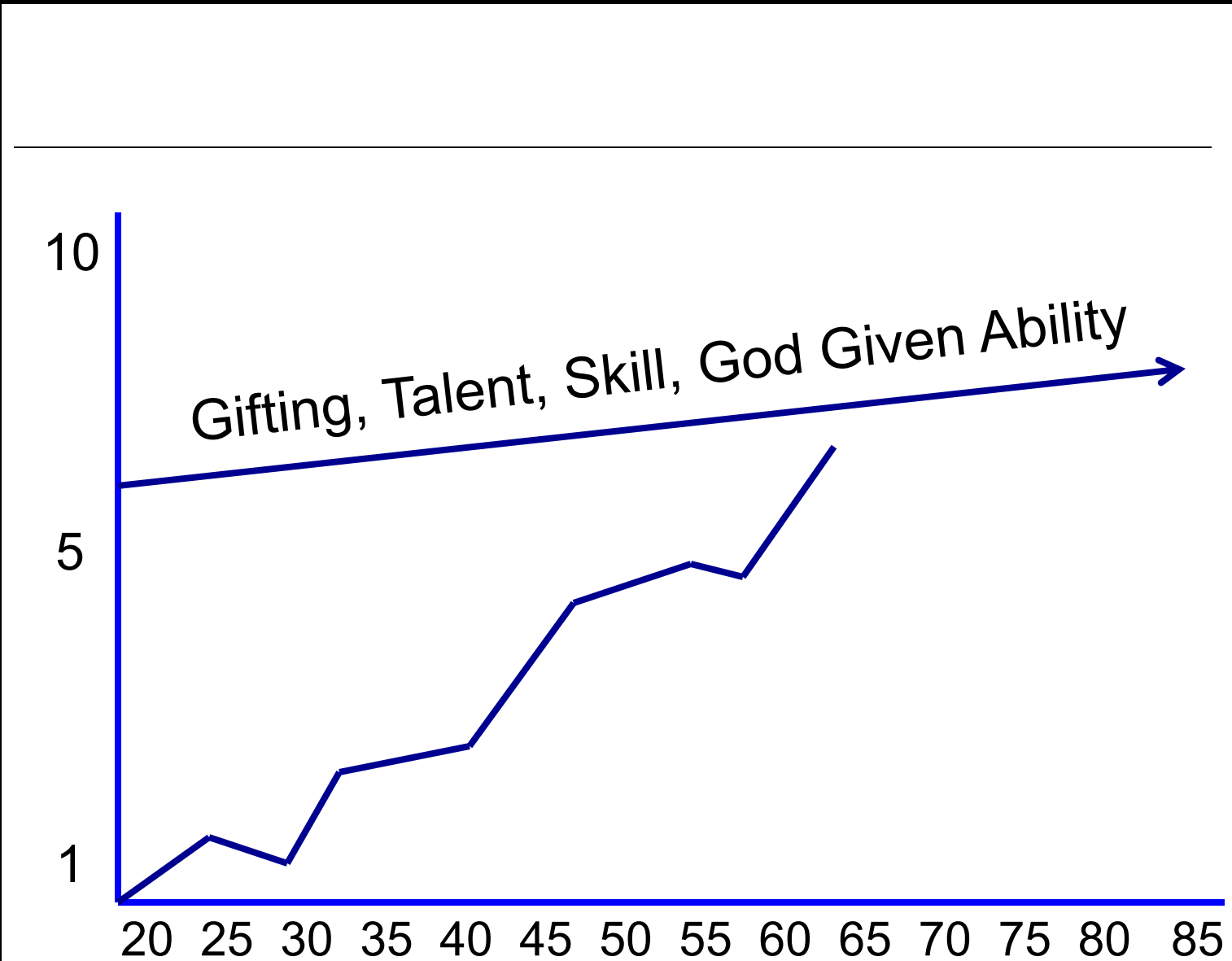
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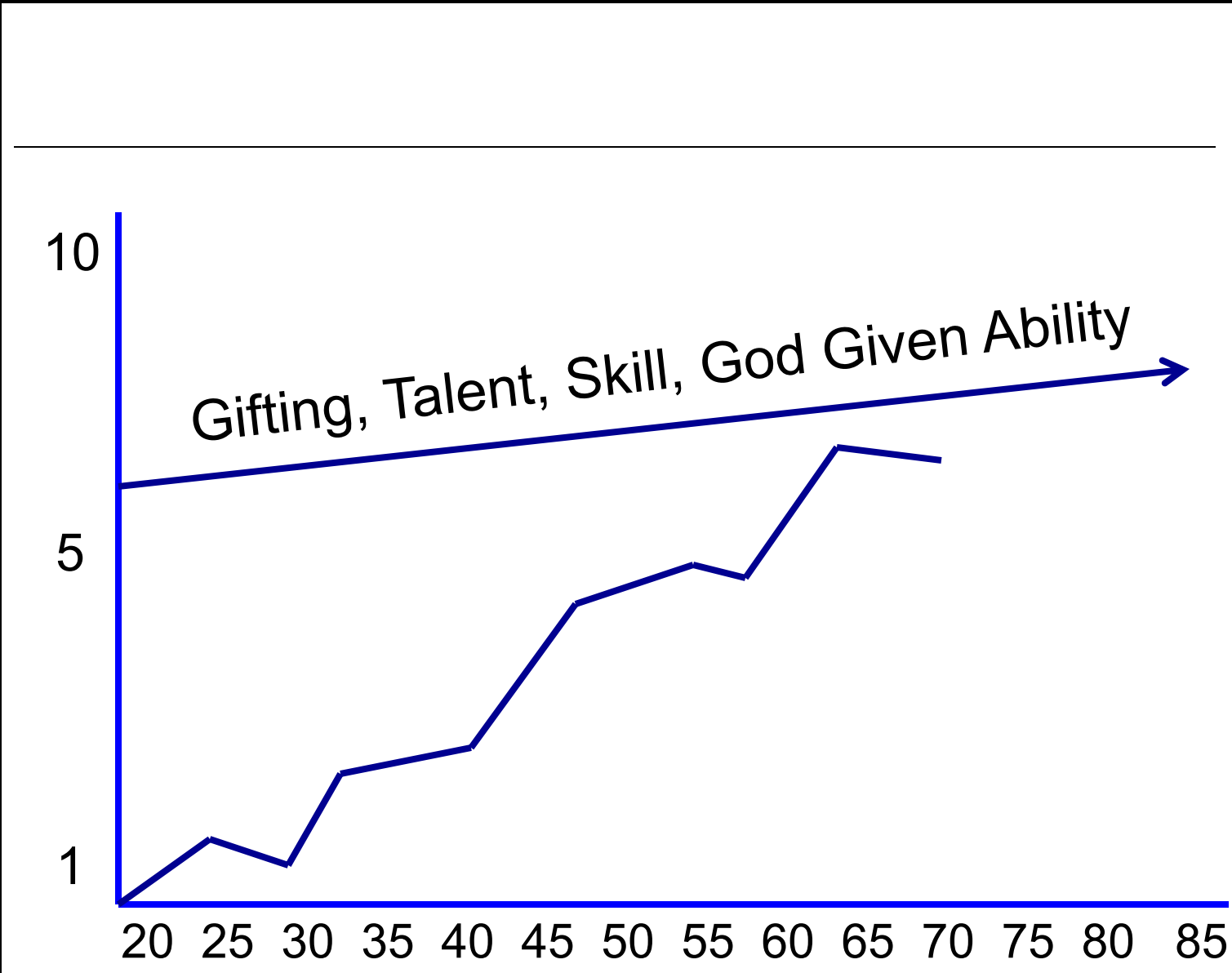
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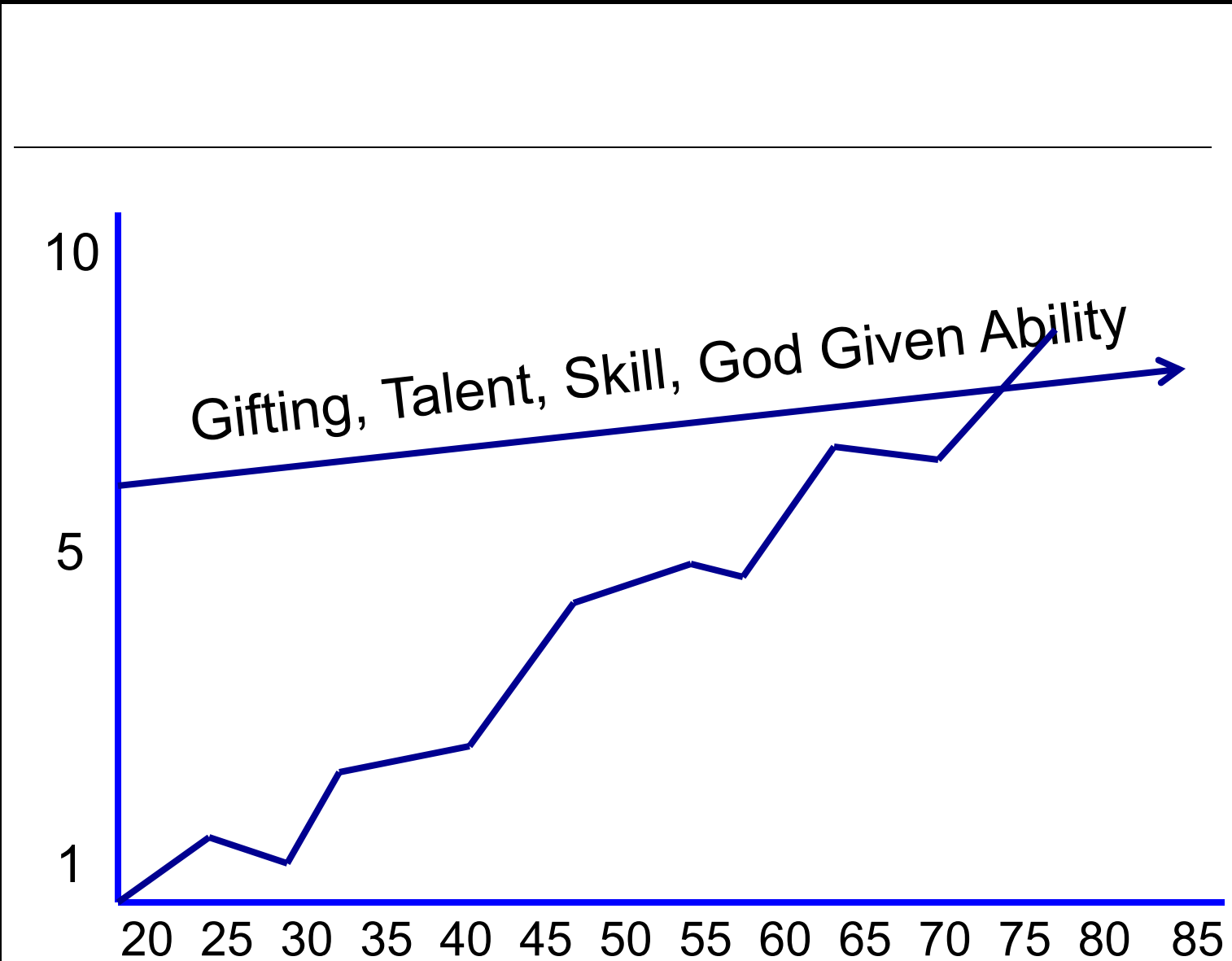
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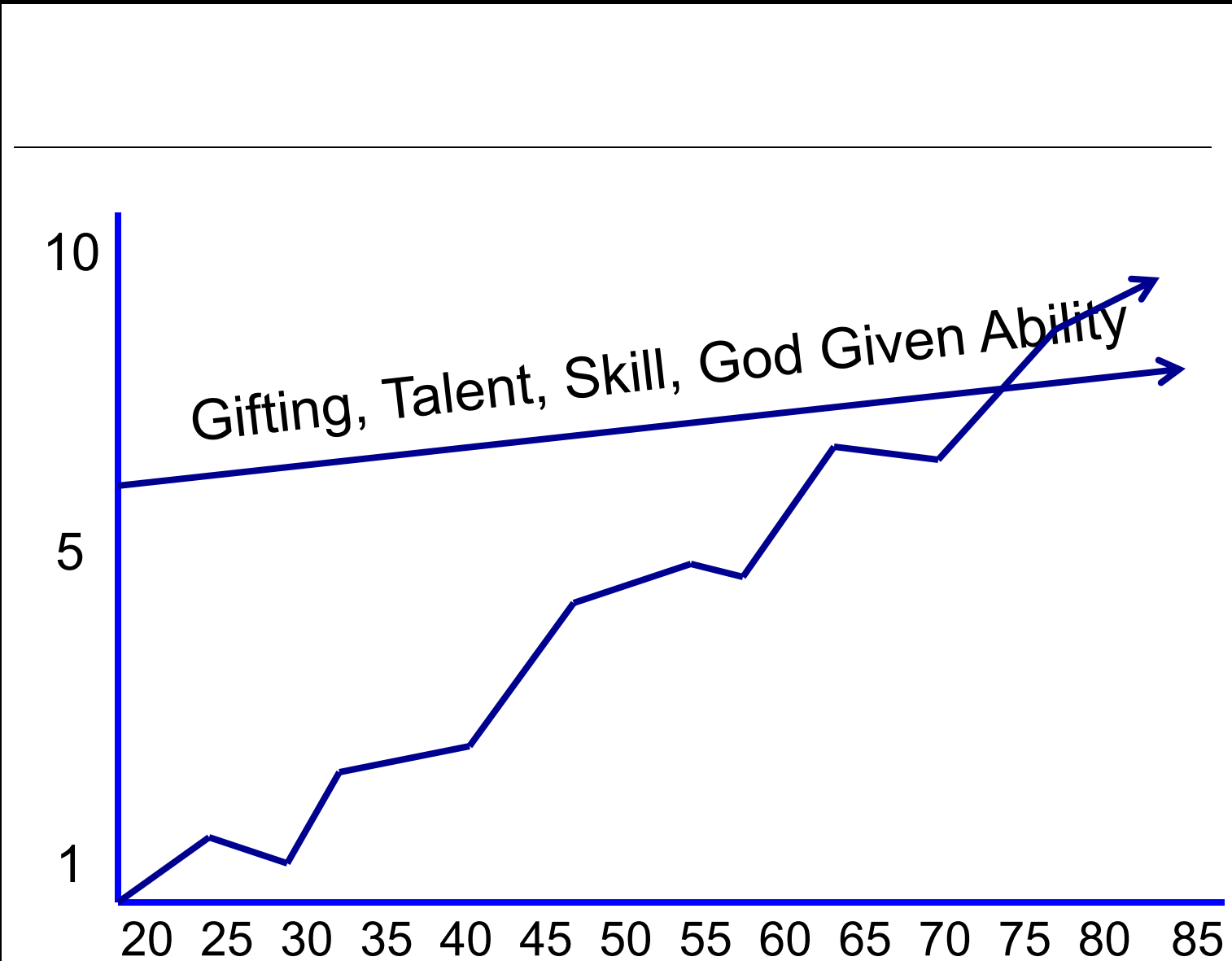
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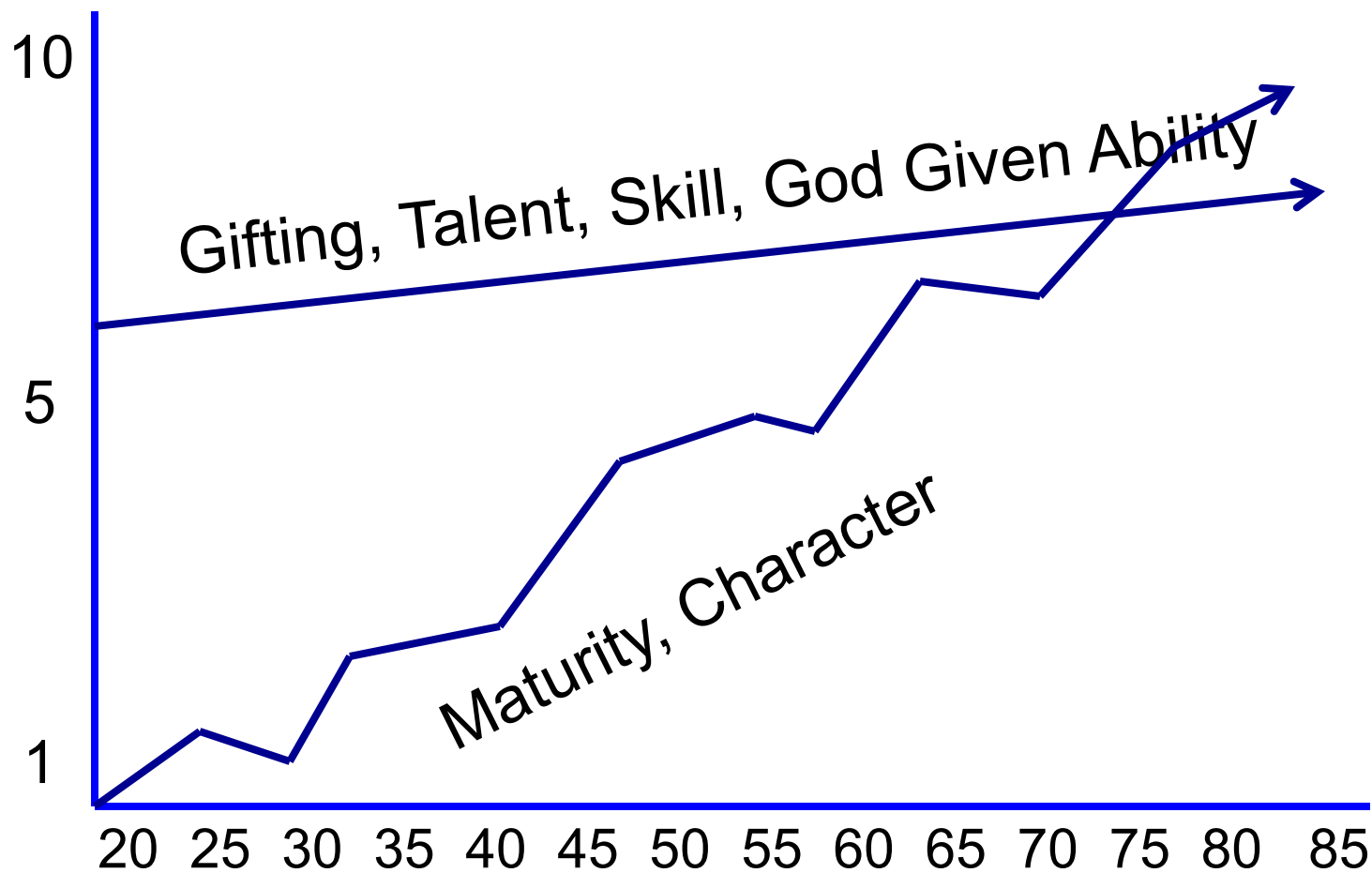
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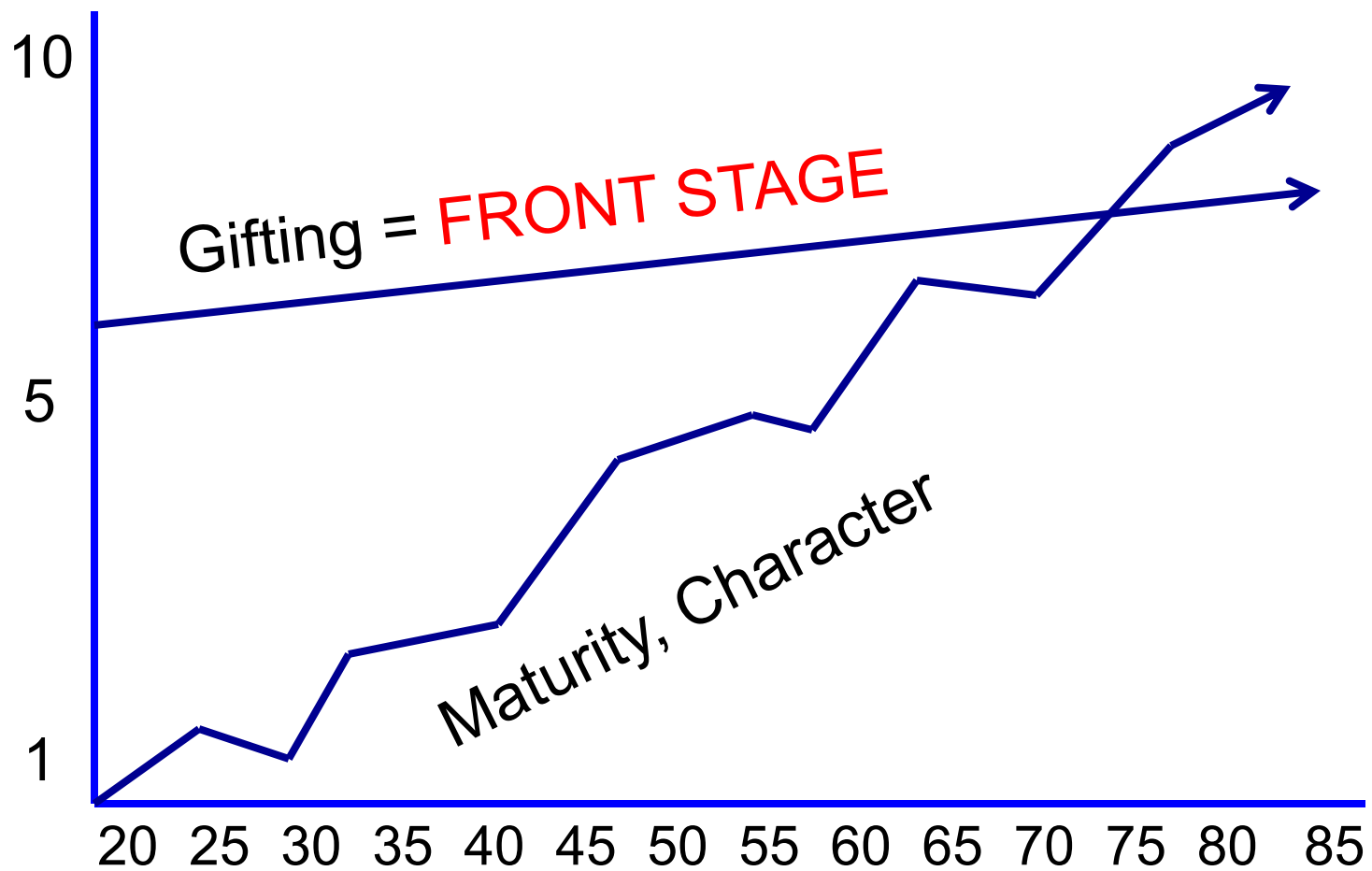
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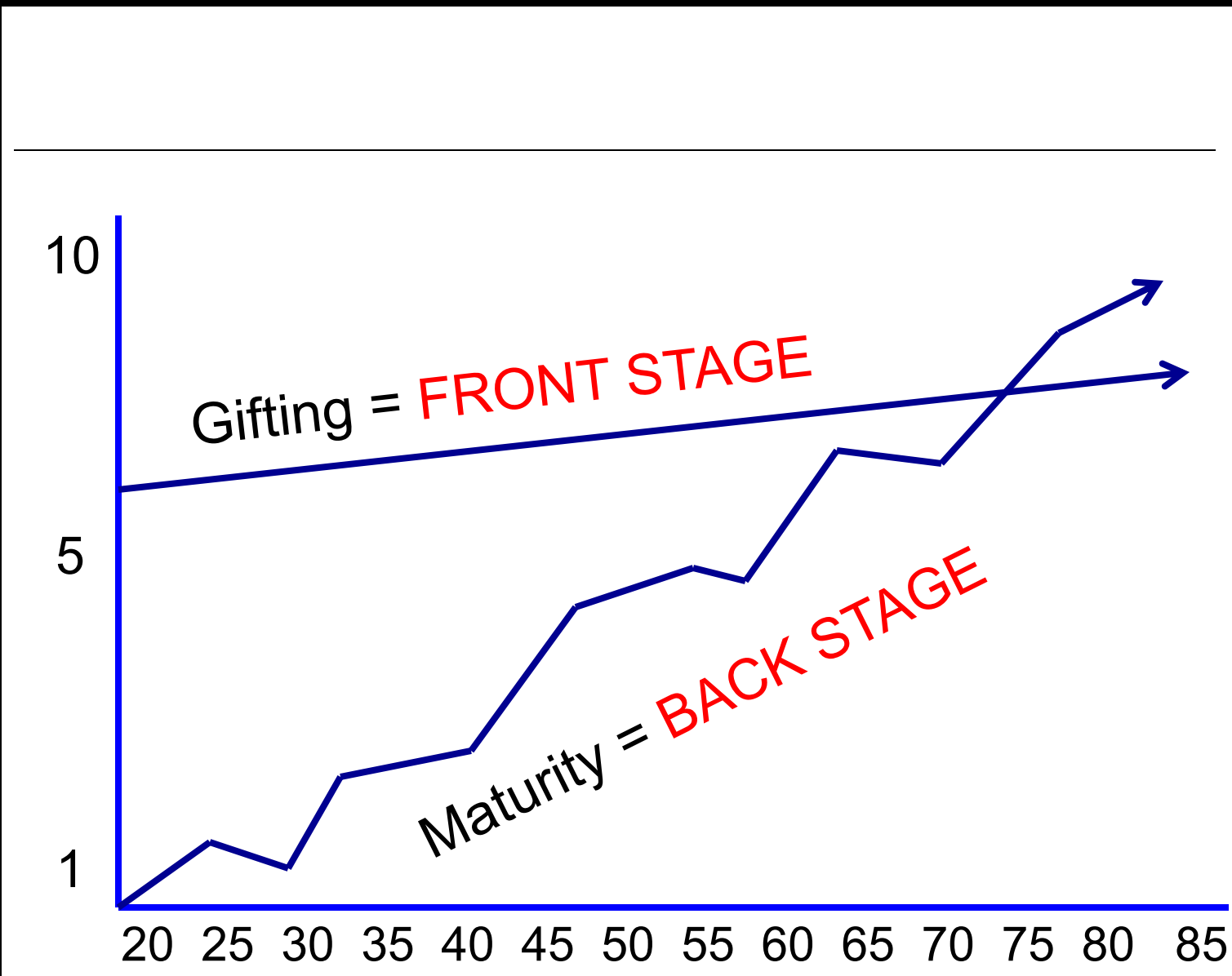
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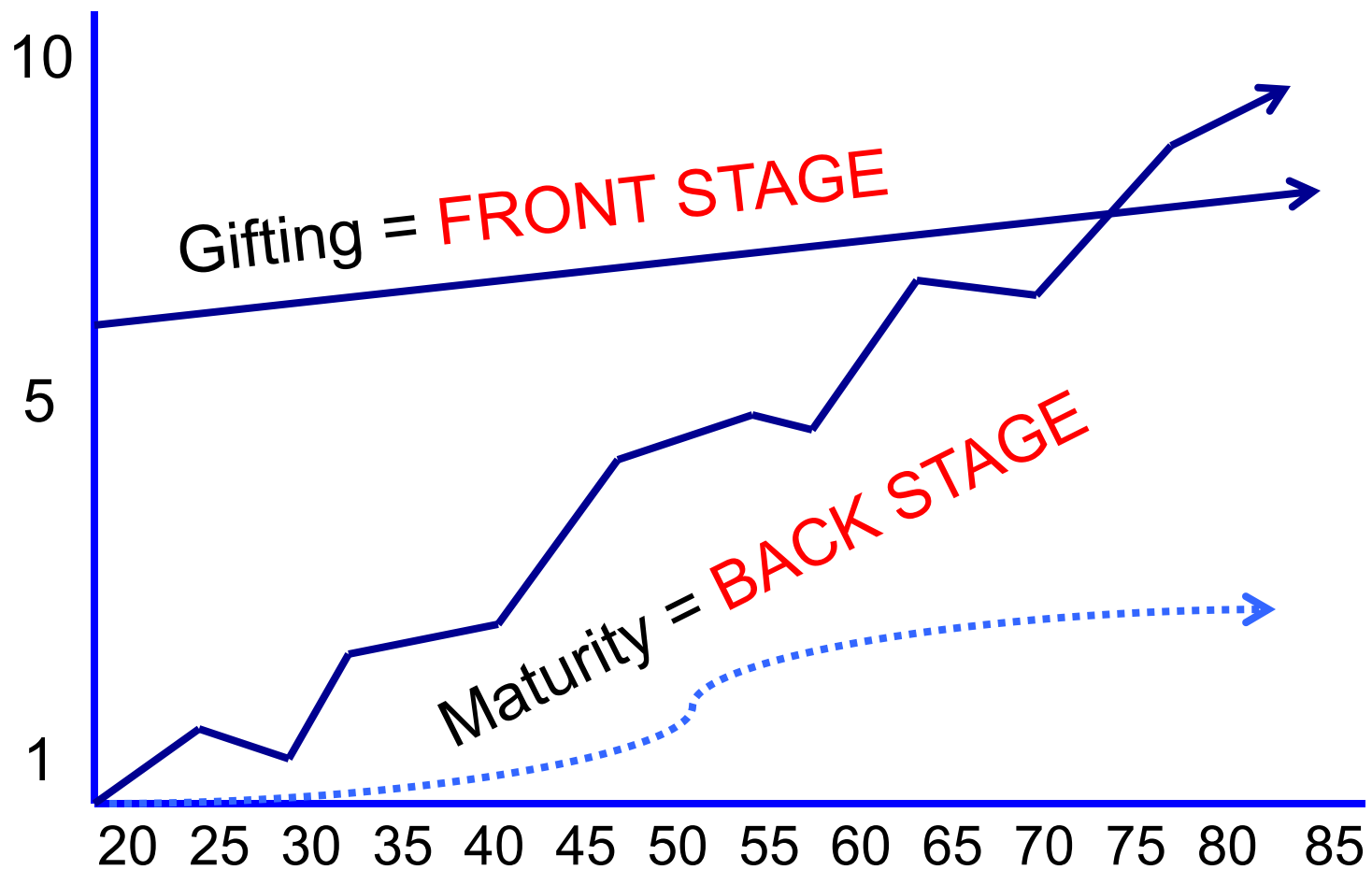
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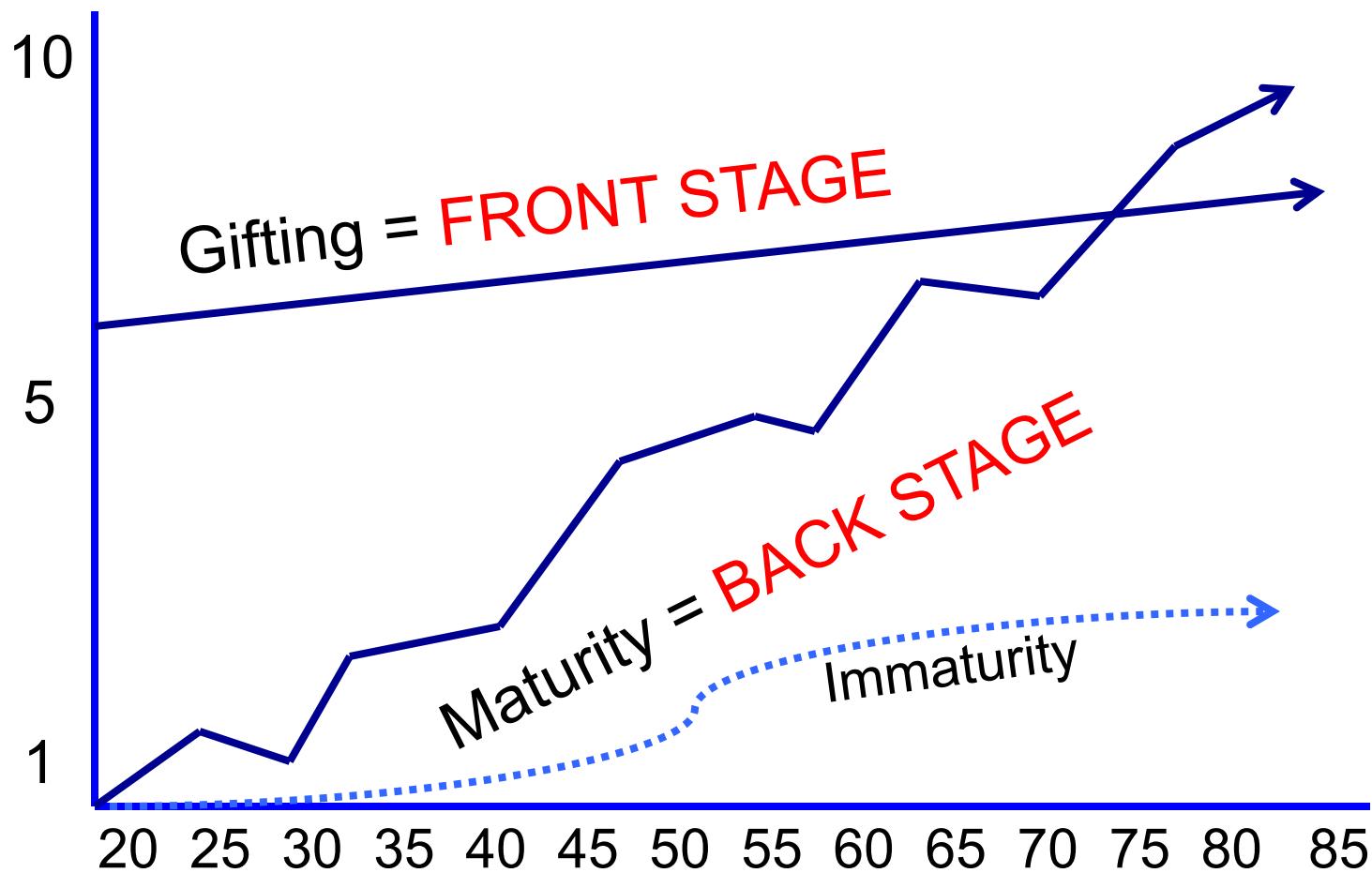
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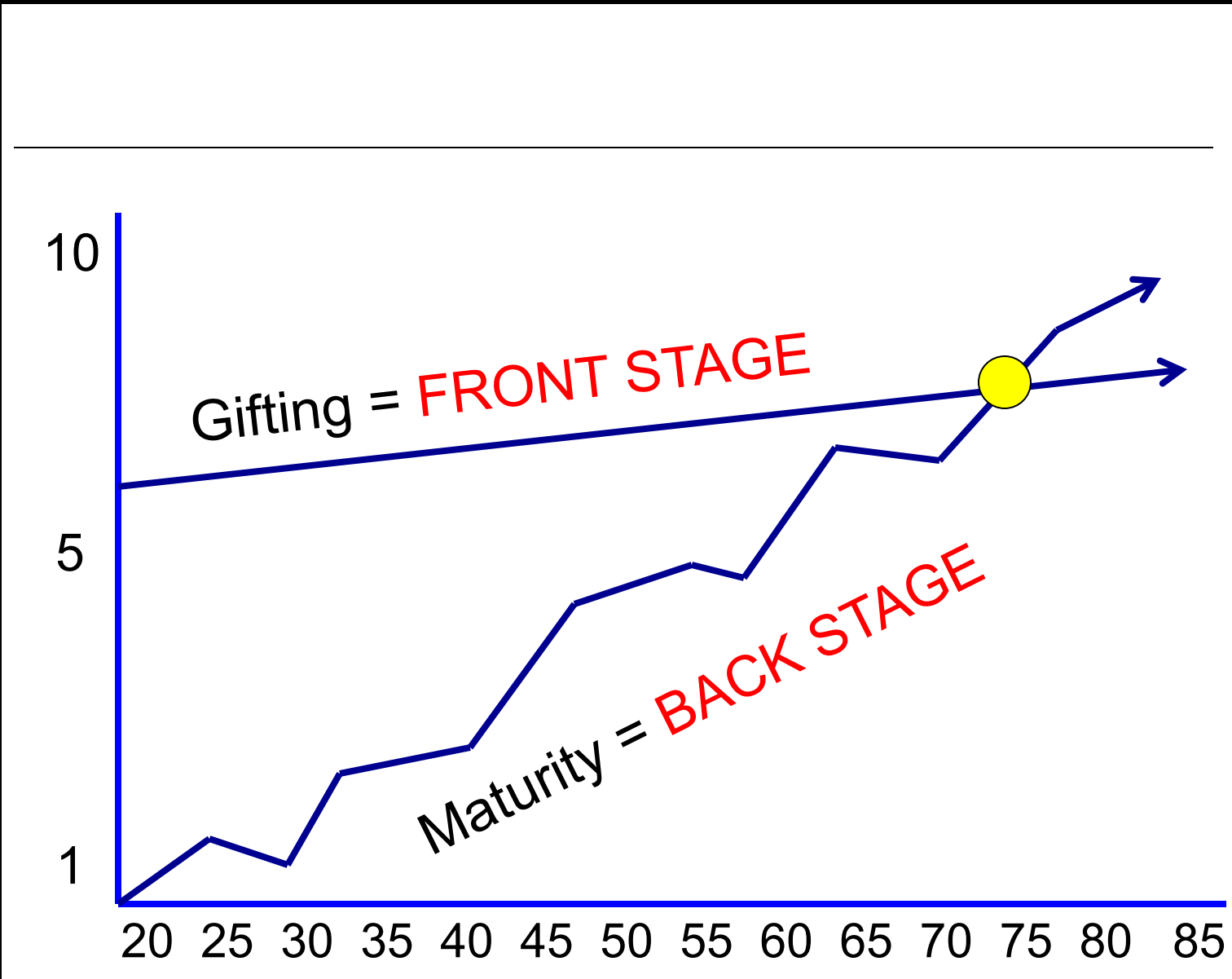
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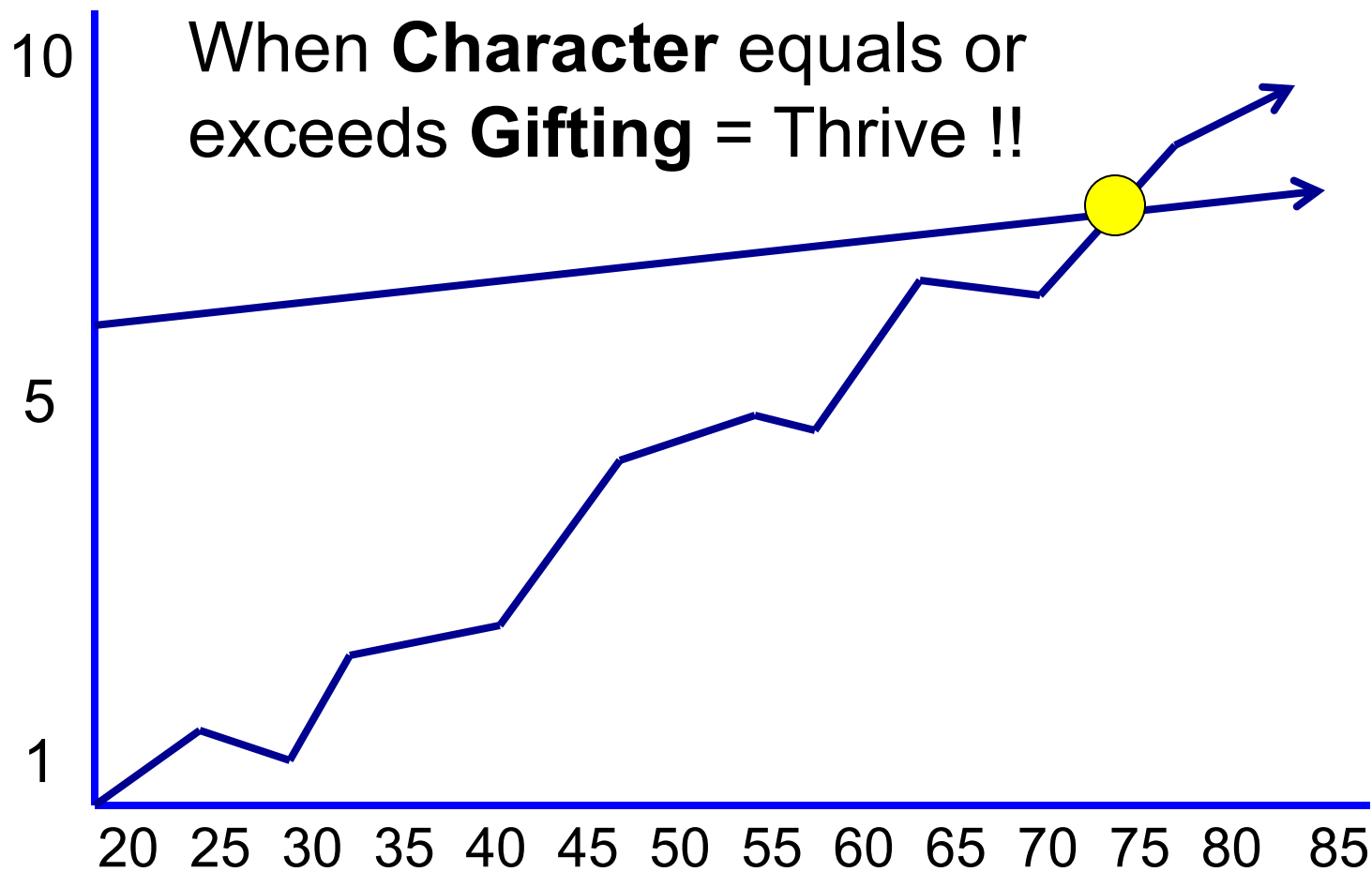
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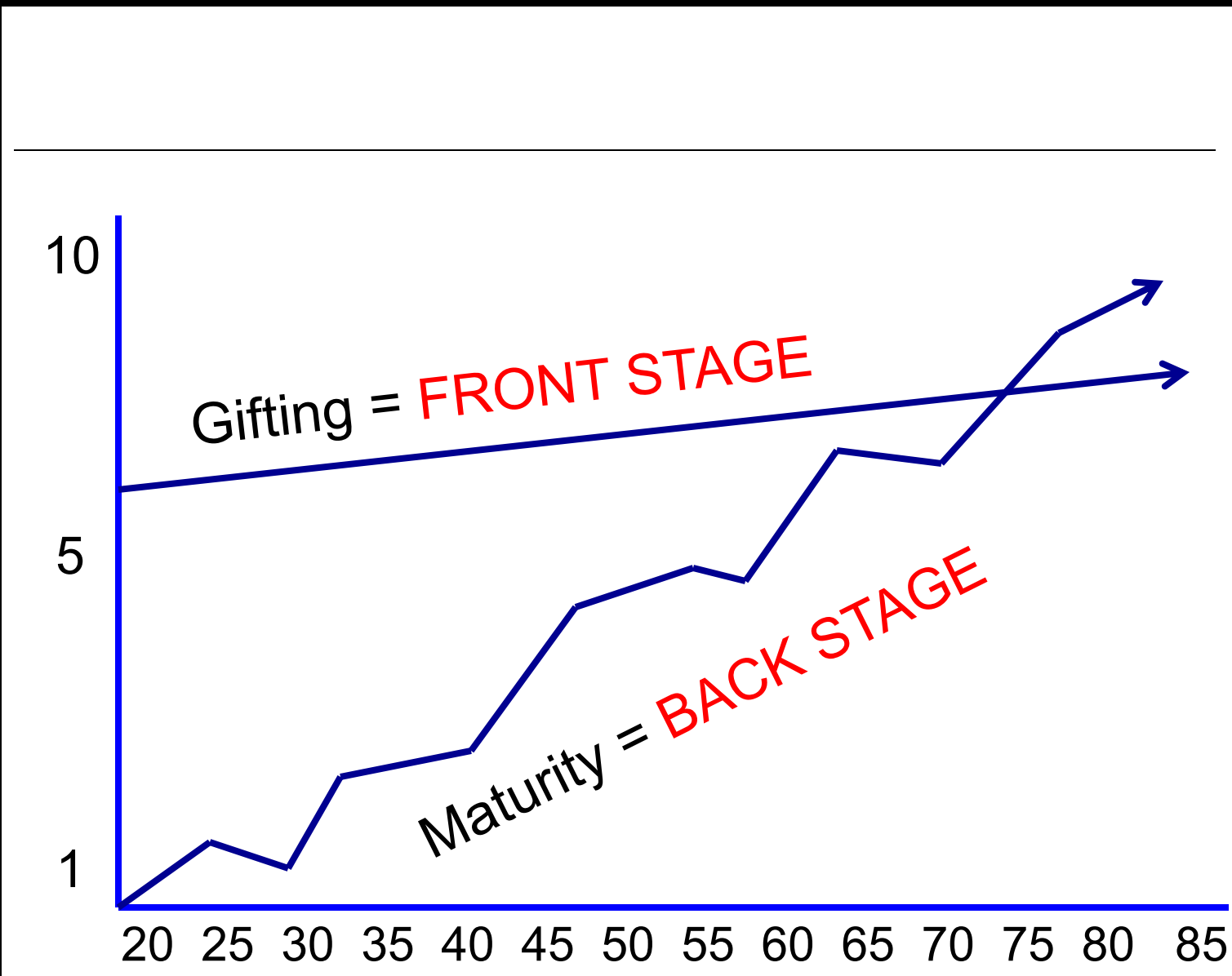
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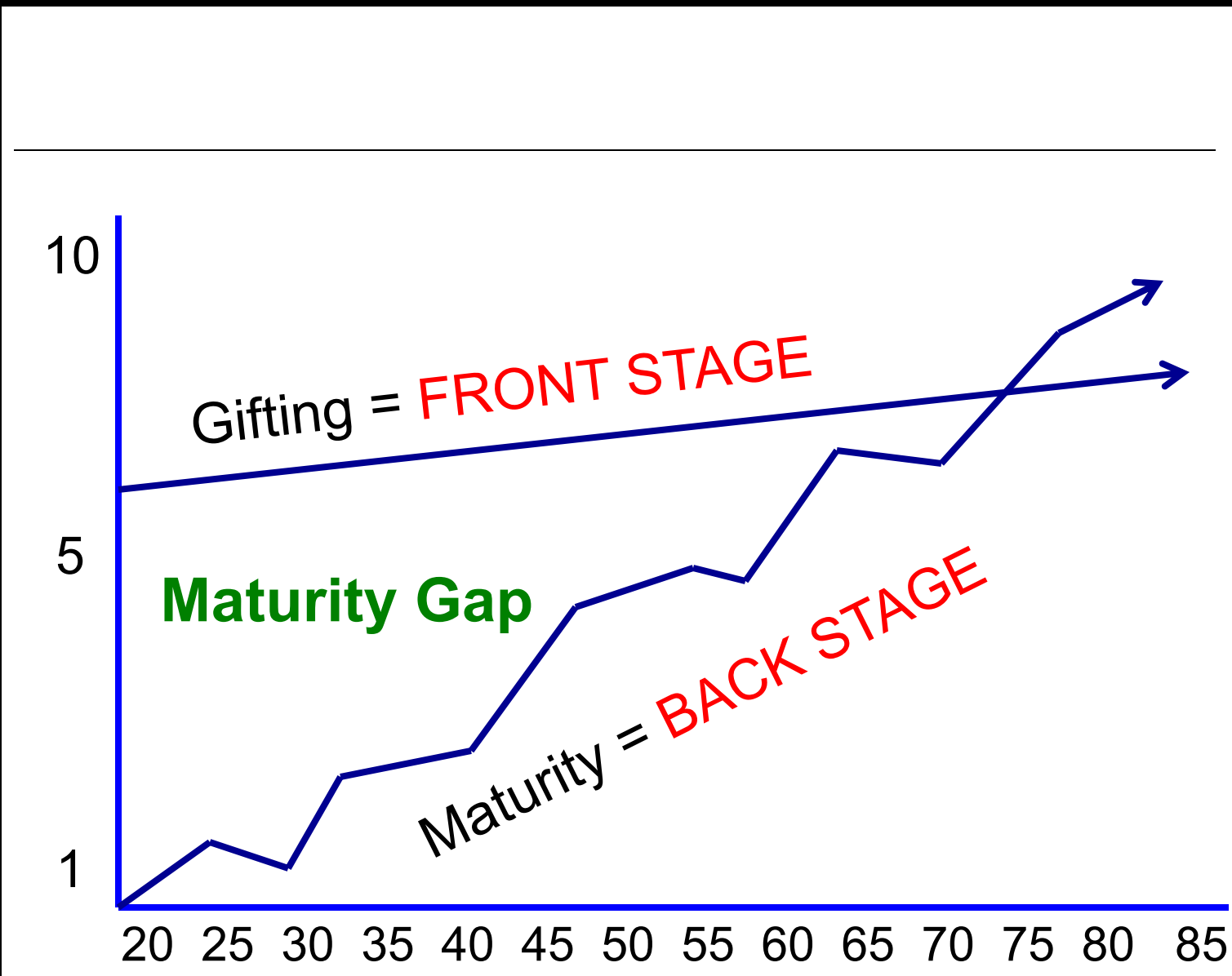
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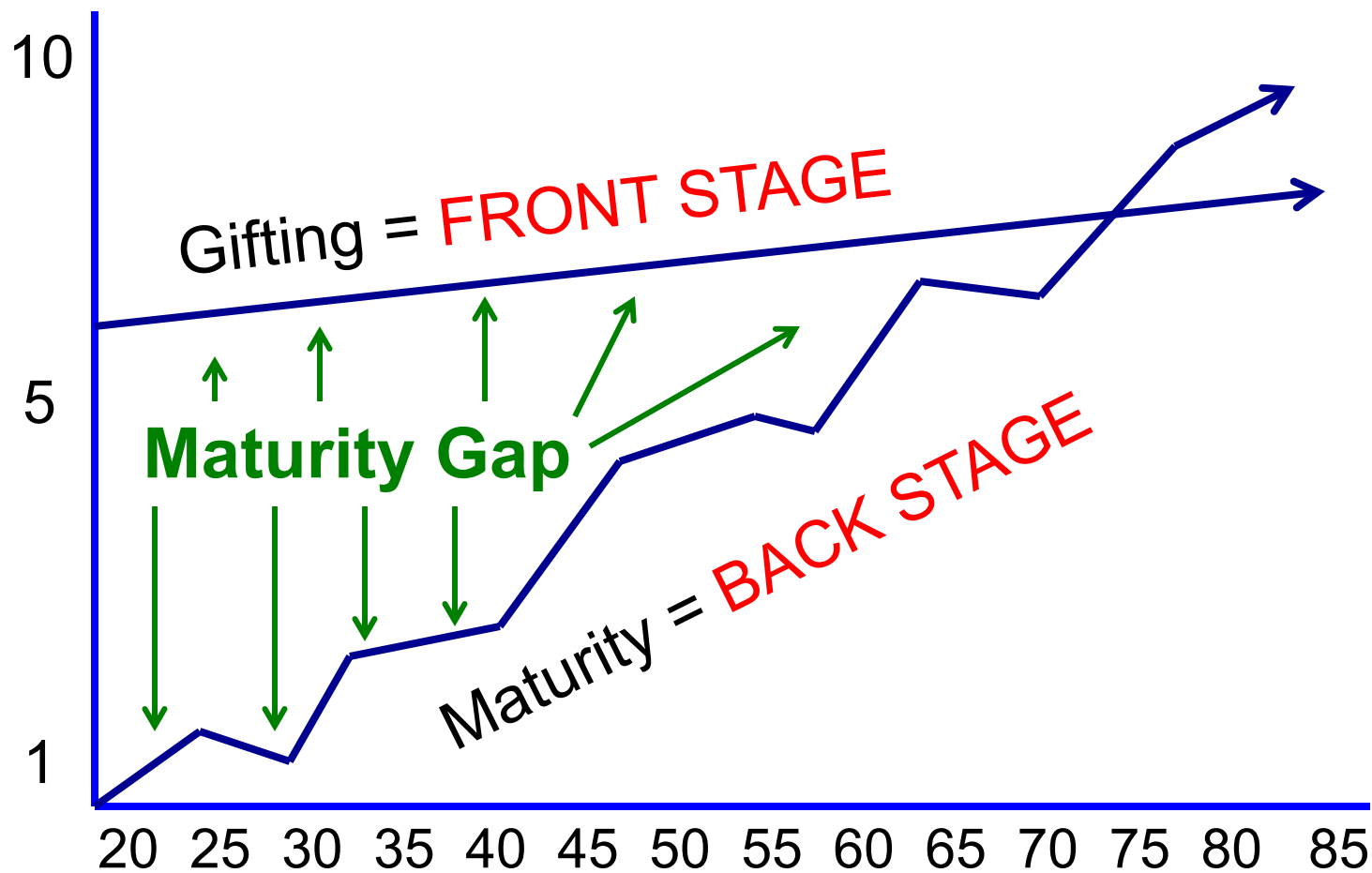
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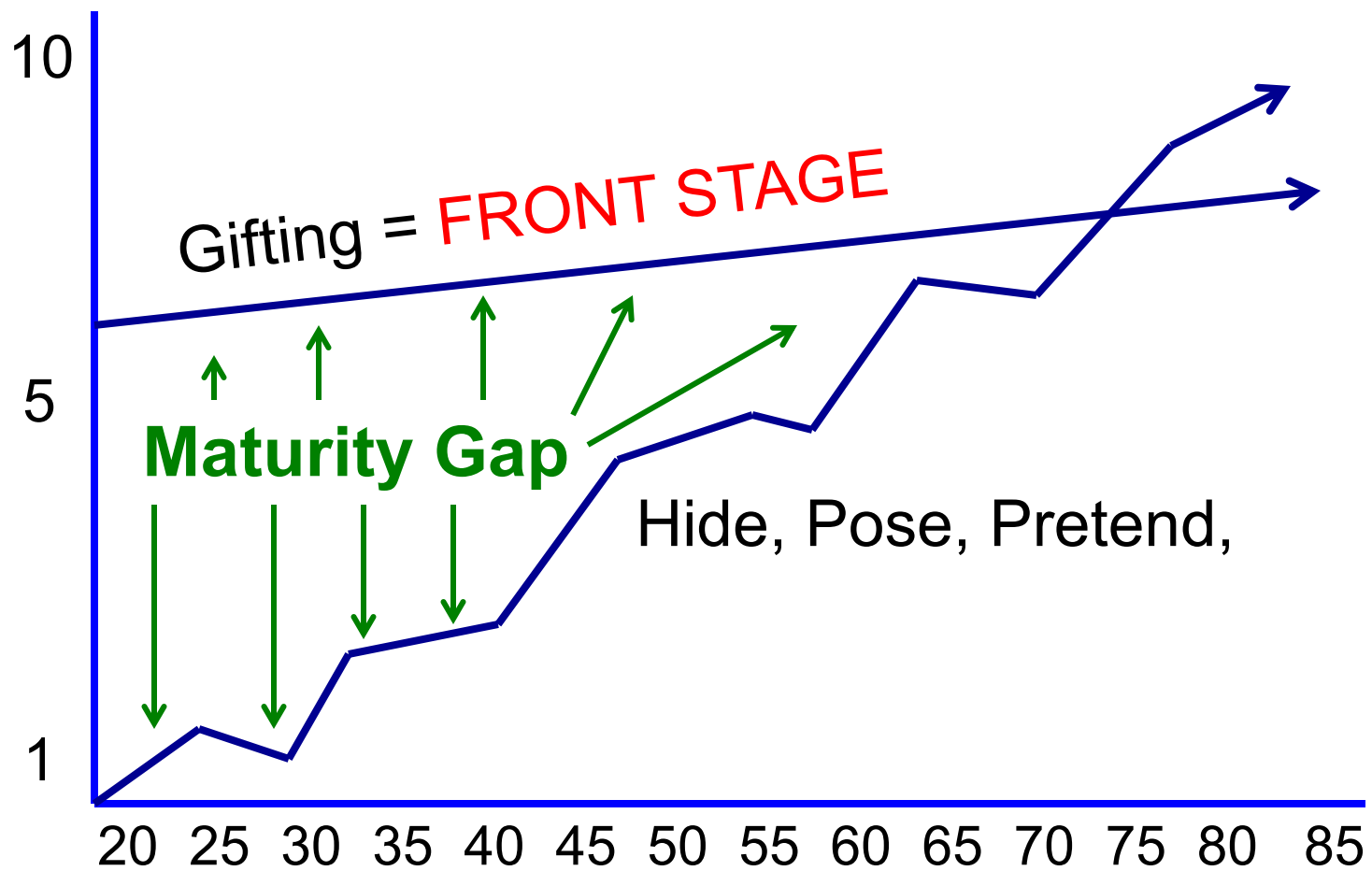
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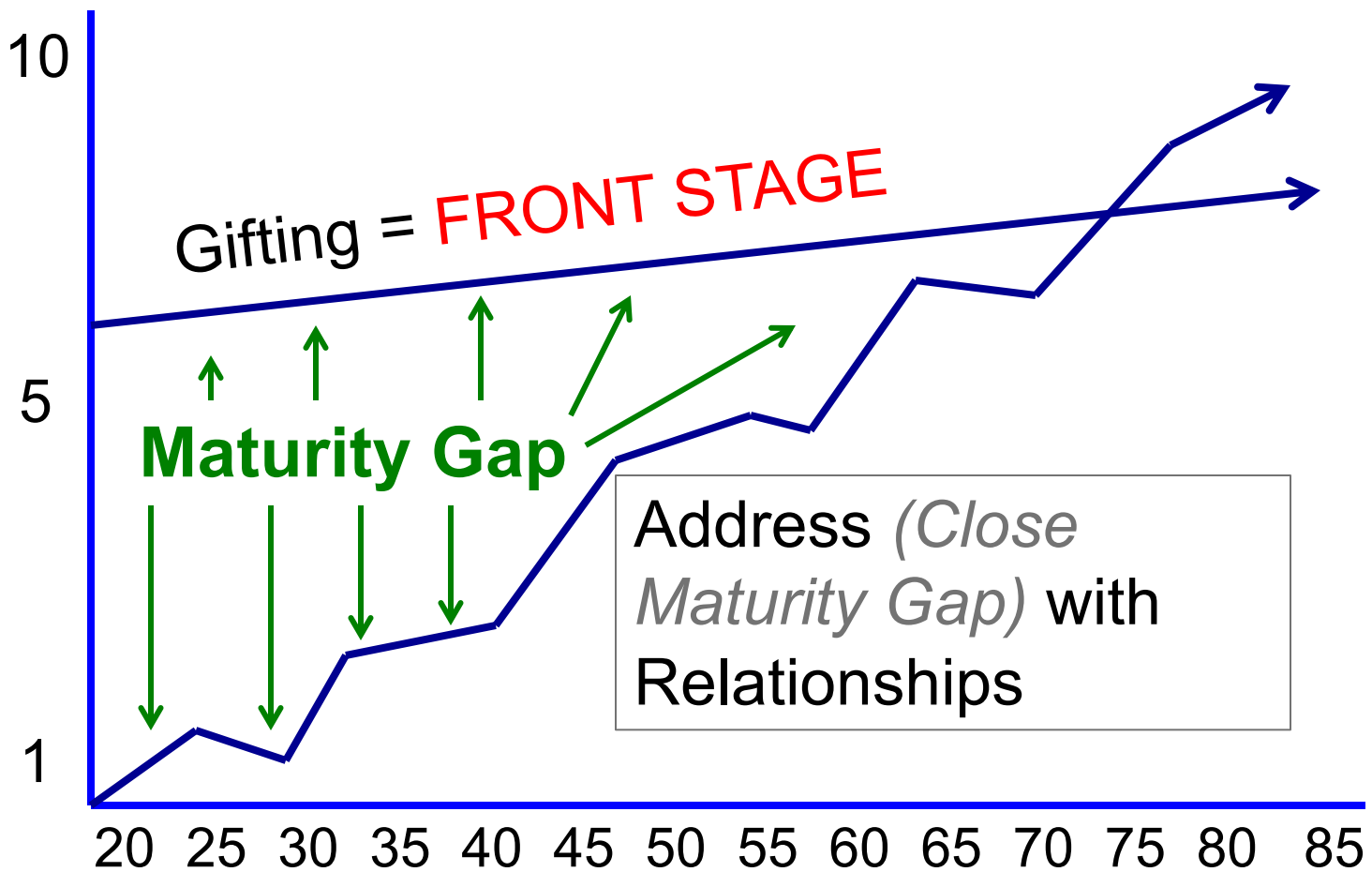
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Isn't it unfair that a higher
level of giftedness would
naturally lead to a larger
Maturity Gap Index?

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Giftedness = Opportunity,
Applause, Adoration

***Which can lead to a decrease
in Maturity / Character***

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Giftedness = People turn a
**Blind Eye to deficient
issues of Maturity and
Character.**

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***Which can lead to a decrease in
Maturity / Character***

**Giftedness = Often leads to an
Absence of Truth Tellers**

***Which can lead to a decrease
in Maturity / Character***

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Far too many Leaders with
a large Maturity Gap Index =
Hide or Abuse

Most hide by not allowing anyone
backstage in their life.

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My Personal Story
Kent Hughes
and the
Maturity Gap Index

Unforced Rhythms of Grace

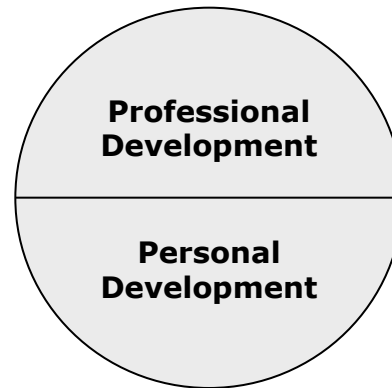
Understand and Practice the

**Six Key
Relationships**

Every Person Needs

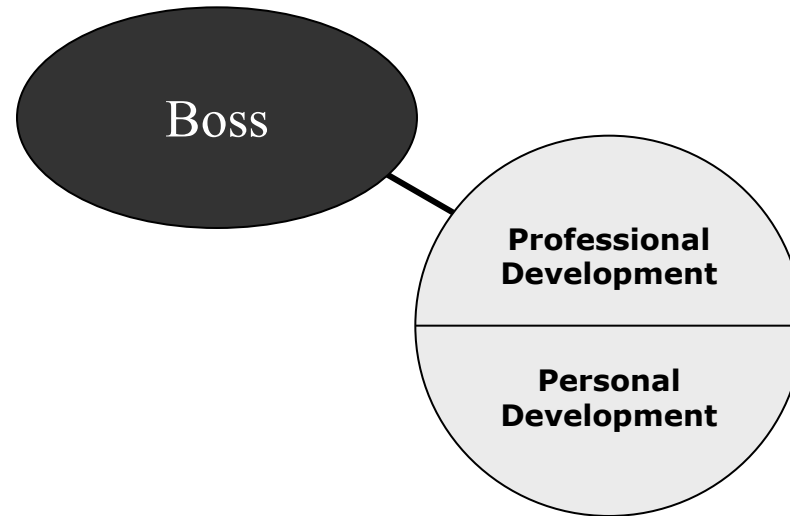
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The Six Key Relationships



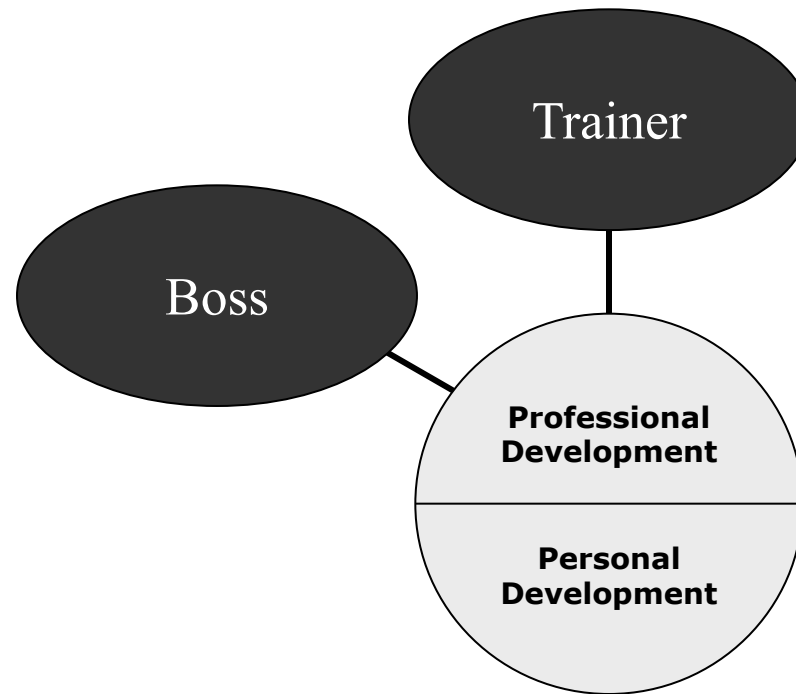
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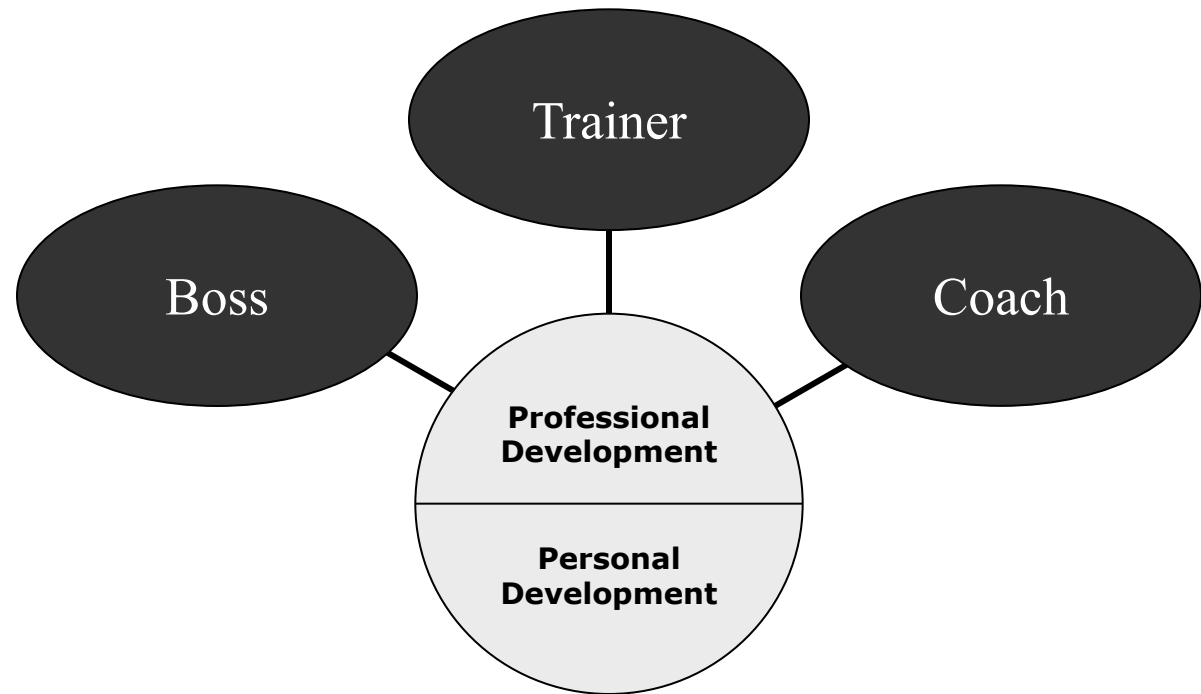
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Living Relationally

***Is Accountability
the Answer?***

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Accountability saves us
from **stupid choices**

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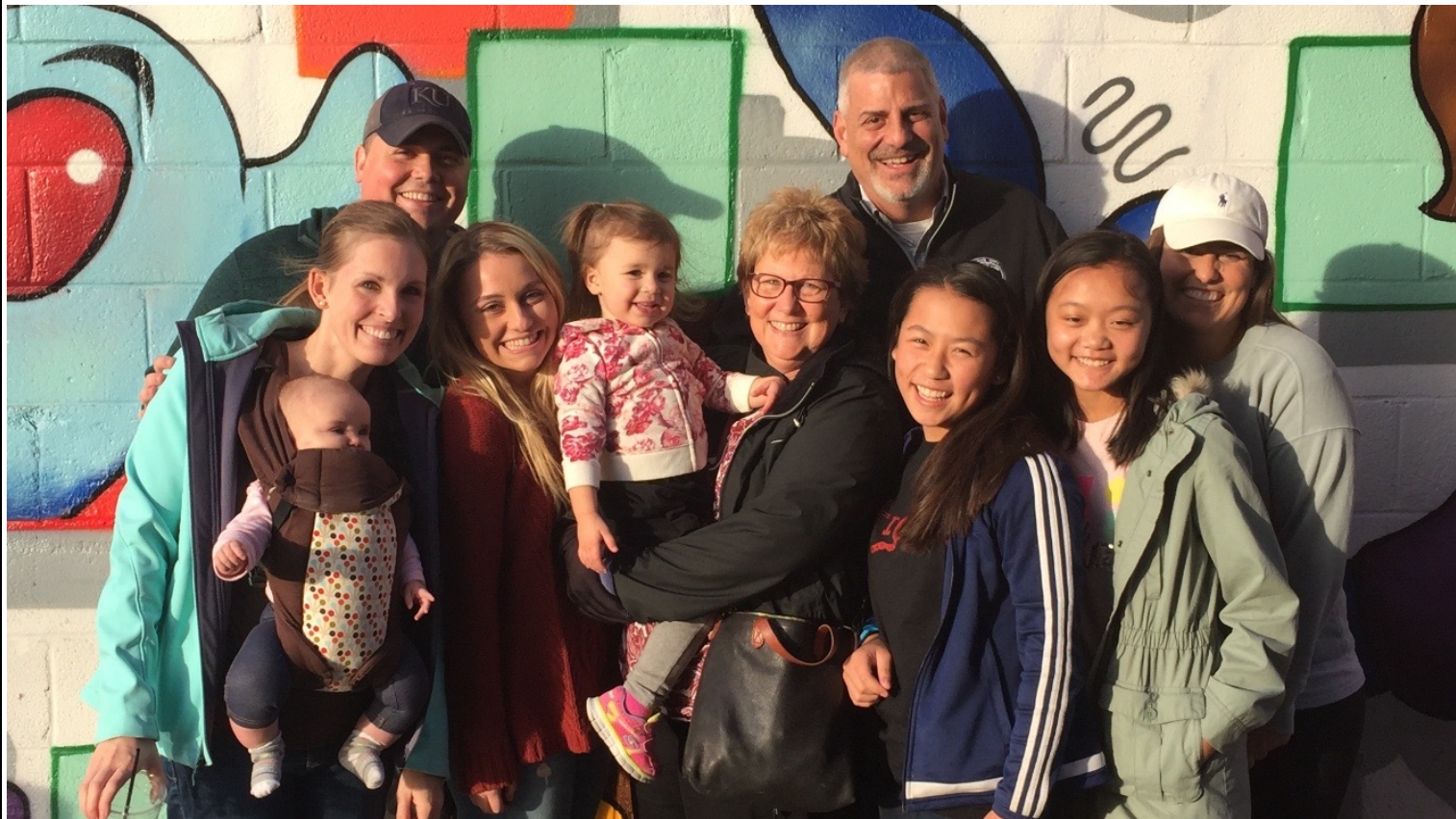
Relational Intimacy

saves us from

Devastating Decisions

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Dodd Family



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We are a part of God's Family
By Blood
By Marriage
By Adoption

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REMINDING OURSELVES OF THE GOSPEL

A CARD FROM ALLIE

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DADDY



Allie



TO DAD

~~TO~~

FROM Allie

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH

AND I WILL NEVER STOP

LOVING YOU AND I LOVE
WITH MY HEART

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Healthy Leadership for Life and Ministry

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