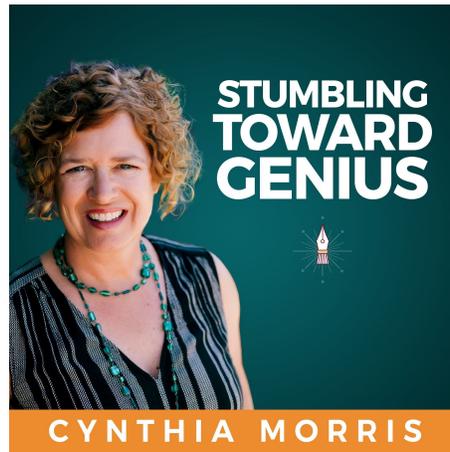


# Stumbling Toward Genius Assignment



## **EPISODE TEN: Earn the Gifts at the Finish Line**

### **CREATIVE COMPETENCY: EARN THE GIFTS AT THE FINISH LINE**

Oh my goodness, the last few laps in a project can feel excruciating. The last ten, twenty percent really bring out the fears and demons you'd beaten back along the way. They're still here. Waiting to torture you with fears about putting your work into the world.

It's astonishing how painful it can be to pull things across the finish line. I have never escaped the razor burn of the last few swipes. But I've done it. I've finished many, many things. And what I have seen is that there is always a big gift waiting at the finish line. It may be an insight, or a reconciliation, or a resolution. It may be an answer to something you have been fiddling with for years. Perhaps a quiet sense of pride.

Who knows what your gifts will be? You won't get it until you finish it. These are gifts we earn. I know, it sounds a little like 'you have to finish your plate to get dessert.' But it's true and no matter how the world receives your offering, you will still get a reward of sorts. Look for it at your finish line.

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Let's get real with your projects and the finish line. Reflect on previous projects. **What have you gotten as a reward for finishing your projects? What surprises were waiting for you?**

Now, look at what you are working on now. **What project can you focus on finishing so you can reap a reward soon? What will you do and what is your deadline?**

Practice the creative competencies to be able to call yourself a finisher. Learn what works for you to get your creative work across the finish line.

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