

GIFTS and TALENTS Pt.3: IDENTIFYING YOUR GIFT, GET BUSY



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Brother Rick shared the following on part two of this teaching. A friend had an ability to know when someone was going to die, he believed it was a gift from God and I told him I did not think so, not about death. And he needs to repent and ask God to take it away if it is not from Him and his pastor told him the same.

Another gift that God gives to some of His children is the gift of interpreting dreams. Let's look at that in scripture. Joseph was imprisoned and Pharaoh had thrown his baker and cup bearer in prison and each one had a dream that they could not make sense out of.

Genesis 40:6-8 - And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day? And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

Pharaoh had some disturbing dreams and no one could interpret them. Finally, the cup bearer remembered that he had met Joseph in prison and he could interpret dreams and he told Pharaoh about Joseph. Joseph is summoned from prison and comes to interpret Pharaoh's dreams.

Genesis 41:15-16 – And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me (It is beyond my power to do this): God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace (God can tell you what it means and set you at ease).

Daniel also had the gift of interpreting dreams.

Daniel 2:25-28 - Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar (he was also called Belteshazzar), Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers (enchanter), the magicians, the soothsayers (diviners or fortune tellers), shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days (in the future). Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

Never let anyone interpret your dreams unless you test the spirits to know what spirit they are speaking by. Is it the Holy Spirit or another spirit. Not everyone can do this and even though books have been written on the subject, most authors are false teachers.

Eph. 4:8-16 – Wherefore He saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some (Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church), apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry (to equip His people for works of service), for the edifying of the body of Christ (so that the church may be built up): Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man (until we reach maturity), unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ): That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive (We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth); But speaking the truth in

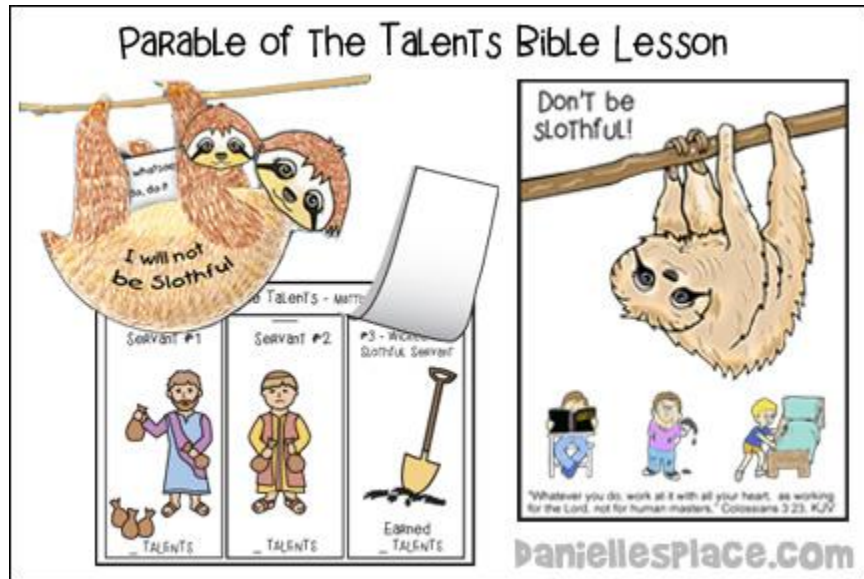
love, may grow up into him in all things (growing in every way more and more like Christ), which (Who) is the head, *even* Christ: From Whom the whole body (the church) is fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part (as each part does its own special work), maketh increase of the body (it helps the other parts to grow) unto the edifying of itself in love (so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love).

Those in the ministry were given as gifts to the church, to equip and teach and build up the body of Christ. God wants us to grow up and mature in Christ and help each other to run our race and to do all that we do with love for one another. There is power in numbers, the more of us working together, helps each other to keep going and to persevere. As we each do what God has gifted us to do, we build up the church. We are supposed to need each other and work well together. We are not cookie cutter Christians, we are all very different, yet we fit perfectly together in Christ.

In the parable of the pounds in Luke 19, Jesus said to occupy till I come. That doesn't mean just sit around, the meaning of the word occupy as used in Luke 19:13, means that we are to use what has been given to us until the Lord returns. He wants us to be busy using our gifts and talents. We never stop using what God has blessed us with until we go to be with Jesus.



We'll work till Jesus comes. Luke 19:13



This children's illustration of the parable of the talents Bible lesson makes it easy for us to understand. Let's not be lazy and wicked like the unprofitable servant who dug a hole and buried the talent that he was given. Let's not be slothful with our talents, gifts and abilities.

WRONG THINGS



Talent is what God gives us. Skill is what we give back to Him." Eliel Pierre I have no idea who this guy is but he is trying to promote himself up the line and if you have eyes to see and ears to hear you can see right through his motivational quote. We don't give God back skill, we don't give Him a gift out of the gift He gave to us. We use what He has given us to bring Him glory. What non-sense this quote was.

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



When you use the talents God has given you, it is called obedience and it is to honor God and build up the body of Christ. Be careful about the meme's you share because usually they were made by ungodly people.

**97. The gifts of the Holy Spirit
are for us to give away (1
Corinthians 12:7 – 11)**



This was from a teaching online. It says the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us to give away. (1 Cor.12:7-11) I think I know what they are trying to say but the way they said it is wrong. We cannot give our gifts to anyone else. The Holy Spirit is the Gift Giver. He equips us as He sees fit. Our gifts are not for our benefit. They are to be used for others or on others to build up the body of Christ.

I have seen people trying to fake like they have gifts they never received. I've seen people speaking in false tongues not of God but of their own mind. I've seen false words of knowledge and false prophesying. I attended a church once where there was a guest speaker and after the service he went around to every single person there trying to prophesy over them.

When I was first truly saved, some of my gifts were there, right up front but I did not realize that they were gifts. They were things that I thought I was just naturally doing. I was actually doing these things by the leading of the Holy Spirit but I was a baby Christian and I did not know all of that at the time. I was giving to bless others and a lot of what I did was in secret. I was always encouraging others. Something else I was doing was teaching and speaking God's Word on facebook. At that time I did not know I had a call on my life. The Holy Spirit was already teaching me and using me in some of the gifts He'd given to me.

There are people who I believe are just deceivers, who try to tell me they have this gift or that gift and personally I'm still trying to determine if the person is even saved. Some people want to act like they have certain gifts but they are not growing in Christ and not learning how to administer any gift. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to walk in the gifts He gives you.

Sometimes you have to wait a long time for some of the gifts to manifest in your life. I remember Pastor Dalbeer shared that after he was baptized into the Holy Spirit, it was about 2 years before he realized that he had been given the gift of healing. For Pastor Erustus, he waited somewhere between 8 to 10 years before the gift of healing manifested in his life and ministry. There have been prophecies over my life and ministry that I am still waiting on to manifest. Don't believe people, just because they are trying to brag, or seem to be something, always test the spirits to see what spirit they are speaking by.

Circle the things you enjoy



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to serve God and others?

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Circle the things you enjoy. Your gifts and talents from God will always be something you enjoy and something you are good at. It is not going to be something you hate and don't like to do or something you dread.

It says, how can you use your gifts to serve God and others? You see pictured here a girl watering some flowers. Maybe you grow flowers and give them away to cheer others up or you go and work in someone's garden who isn't able to. A boy writing at a desk, maybe he's writing a letter to send to brighten someone's day. There's a girl singing here, when you sing, sing to the Lord, about the Lord, sing Psalms, and Christian songs. Many are using the gift of singing to sing for satan and the world. Many of those on the world stage are empowered by demons to sing and entertain, it isn't even talent from God. There is a chef or a cook here stirring a pot. Maybe you are a talented cook. You can use that to be a blessing to others who can't cook, maybe they are sick or elderly and have disabilities that hinder them from being able to do this. Or you can make healthy meals to share at a discounted price like the "Meals on Wheels" program. There's a girl playing the flute. Maybe you have a musical talent, use it for God. There a boy repairing a fence. Handyman work, or good quality work is always needed. There's a boy cleaning up. Many churches need volunteers to help clean the

church, take out the trash, mow the lawn, clean the toilets etc. There's a ballerina here. Not sure what to say about her. The last girl is painting a pretty picture. You can share your talents to be a blessing to others. Or to make money to in turn support yourself and your family and sow into the Kingdom of God. You can share your talents to cheer others up or help them out with things they can't do or need help doing.

Visiting others is a great ministry. There are a lot of people who are not able to get out much and they love to have company. My mom was like that. She loved company and she never wanted you to leave. She was lonely. Some people are good organizers. You can share your time in helping someone get organized. My mom was a hoarder, she would not let go of or get rid of anything. Sometimes she would hire friends to come and help her clean up or organize a room. Elderly people many times can use help in the way of someone running errands for them.

One of the greatest ways you can serve this ministry is by praying over the prayer requests each week. Pray over this ministry and our outreach ministries. You can also go to those you know that can't get out and pray for them.

Seek God to know what your gifts and talents are. Once you know, pray and ask God how best to use them. Seek Him to know your purpose. He created you to do something special, you are unique. We don't compare ourselves with anyone else. Even if you have the same gift as someone else, God can use it in a totally different way in your life. When you do things in your community or at work or wherever you do them in using your gifts and talents, let it be known that you are doing it in the name of the Lord. That gives the person a witness of a true Christian and for Jesus.

CLOSING

Romans 11:29 – For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance (can never be withdrawn).

I have heard a woman who says she is a prophetess say that she went away from God, left the faith for a time and yet retained her gift of prophecy.

You will answer to the Lord on judgment day for how you used your gifts. God did not take that gift back. If she would have remained in her sinful state and used that gift, then it would have been for satan's benefit. When we have received gifts from God, we will answer for how we used those gifts. Did we use them to honor God and build up His Kingdom? Did we use them for satan, to benefit his agenda and for personal gain? We will all give an account before Christ Jesus just as the servants did in the Parable of the Talents and of the Pounds.

PRAYER