

YOU GOT TALENT!

Serve with Your Gifts

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

To live a life of no regrets we need to understand our role and responsibility as stewards of everything that our Lord and Master has entrusted to our care. This includes our giftings and abilities that we must use to serve Him and others for His glory.

GOD ENTRUSTS

In Exodus 31:1-6, the Lord gave Moses instructions in building the tabernacle and named the individuals He handpicked to accomplish the work to be done. In the same way, God knows each of us by name and He has a purpose for each of our lives. To experience a fulfilled life with no regret, it is important to have a relationship with God, that His Spirit may dwell within us and fill us to accomplish His purpose. From this passage we can also learn that God gifted people specifically. None of us acquired our talents on our own, but God entrusted these to us. We learn more about this in Luke 12:42 — we are not mindless robots, but instead we are to be faithful and sensible stewards over what the Master entrusted to us.

INTENTIONALLY

God is intentional in giving us talents; therefore, we should also be intentional in how we use our talents. God's Spirit endows believers with spiritual gifts. Both talents and spiritual gifts are from God and improve in effectiveness with use. They are also to be used to benefit others. However, talents are gifts that are a result of genetics, environment, or simply because God endows us with them. Spiritual gifts on the other hand are given to every believer according to His will (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4). Living a life of no regrets begin with love as our prime motivator in serving God and others (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).

this week's memory verse

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-2



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FOR SERVICE

In Exodus 36:1-5, we learn that there was an outpour of giving for the building of the tabernacle. There were givers who supplied the material for the construction and those who used their skill to help build the tabernacle. Stewardship of our talents and gifts is more than just building up a physical temple; it is building up the body of Christ and His Kingdom here on earth! In CCF, there are various ministries where people can serve with the gifts and abilities they are entrusted with. Even in this period of social distancing and lockdowns, everyone can be used by God, in ways such as ministering to others through online discipleship groups!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The ultimate purpose and secret to a fulfilled life is to do all things for God's glory! 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

In America's Got Talent, there is something they call the "golden buzzer". There are 2 things we can learn from the golden buzzer. First, the buzzer allows the judge to declare the winner regardless of what anyone else thinks. This teaches us that we only need to be preoccupied with what God thinks of us and make it our goal to please Him. Second, the judge can only press the buzzer once. Here we can learn that Jesus is not only our judge, but our advocate. Jesus desires for us to have a personal relationship with Him. For that to be possible, Christ died for us once and for all, and made us alive in the spirit that we may live for Him (1 Peter 3:18). May we live glorifying God by serving Him with our gifts!

discussion questions

What talents and gifts do you think the Lord has entrusted to you? Ask others as well.

How have you been using these talents and gifts? Was it more for self-service, or to serve others and glorify God?


How (else) can you use your talents and gifts to serve your family and others?


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