

USING YOUR UNIQUE ABILITIES

Finding Your Fit In Ministry -- Part 4

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Job 10:8 (NIV) *"Your hands shaped me and made me..."*

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV '84) *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (GNT) *"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. ⁵ There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. ⁶ There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service."*

FACTS ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES

1. Every ability is GIVEN by God.

Romans 12:6a (TLB) *"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well."*

If you have God's Spirit in you... all your abilities can be used for spiritual purposes.

2. Every ability can be USED for God's glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV) *"...Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*

Deuteronomy 8:18a (NIV) *"But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth..."*

3. Every ability shows God's PLAN for your life.

Hebrews 13:20-21 (NLT) *"Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus... ²¹ equip you with all you need for doing His will."*

A good indication of God's will for your life is to simply look and see what abilities He's given you.

4. Every ability will be LOST if not used.

Matthew 25:28 (NASB) *"Take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents."*

Luke 12:48b (NIV) *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded..."*

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR ABILITIES

1. ESTIMATE them.

Romans 12:3b (NLT) *"... Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us."*

2. DEDICATE them.

Romans 12:1b (GNT) *"Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him."*

2 Timothy 2:21 (GNT) *"Those who make themselves clean from all those evil things, will be used for special purposes, because they are dedicated and useful to their Master, ready to be used for every good deed."*

3. CULTIVATE them.

Proverbs 19:8 (GNT) *"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper."*

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV) *"If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success."*

4. LIBERATE them.

1 Peter 4:10a (TLB) *"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other..."*