

# “VIEWING YOUR TALENTS AS USEFUL GUIDEPOSTS”

I Samuel 16:14-23

## I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Some facts about my existence and purpose in life: (See Isa. 45:9)
1. My birth: (Ps. 139:14)
  2. My talents – abilities you lose without use:
  3. My salvation: (I Tim. 2:4; II Pet. 3:9)
  4. My purpose - faithfully bearing “much fruit that remains” following salvation: (Jn. 15:8,16)
  5. My spiritual gifts (can’t be lost): (I Cor. 12:7-11; I Tim. 1:12)
- B. The process God uses to bring it all together:
1. Making somebodies into nobodies so they become spiritual somebodies: (Jn 3:30)
  2. Saul and David, a study in contrasts: (what people see vs. what God sees)

## II. YOUR “SEEMINGLY” INSIGNIFICANT PAST: vv. 14-23

- A. The impact of a middle-aged man being rejected by God: vv. 14-15
1. Understanding how the Spirit of the Lord could “depart”: (I Sam. 10:9-10)
    - a.
    - b.
  2. Understanding the “evil spirit sent from God”:
    - a.
    - b.
    - c.
- B. Getting a teenager from the pasture to the palace: vv. 16-19
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- C. Forging a “little man” as a teen: vv. 21-23
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- D. Humbling a teen to “wait” after his inauguration: v. 21 (See vv. 11-13) (Ja. 1:3; Isa. 40:31)
1. “Standing before him” – apprenticeship:
  2. “Becoming his armor-bearer” – battle ready:
  3. Cultivating future relationships – encouragement in the lengthy wait:

## III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

### **SINNERS PRAYER**

**Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.**