

Don't Waste Your Talents

Most of us have heard an orchestra tuning up before a performance. Musicians practicing individually at the same time sound chaotic. But when the conductor steps up onto the podium and the signal given, the musicians begin to play the score given them. The result is a beautiful thing to observe and hear.

The church in many ways is like an orchestra. Just as the orchestra is composed of a variety of musicians, the church body is made up of many members. And as in an orchestra, each member of the church does not play the same part. But each member does belong to all the others.

Romans 12:4-8(ESV) “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: If prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

When we use our God given talents and unite ourselves in the singular purpose of glorifying God, what is seen and heard is inspiring, pleases God and points people outside of Christ to our Father.

We are all important in the Lord's church. Should several of the musicians decide not to play their part, a needed part would not be heard. So, it is in the Lord's church. There are works that do not get done that God has planned for his children to do.

Ephesians 2:10(ESV) "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

When we are not a part of His plan, something is left out. Our talents are a terrible thing to leave unused. There is a purpose. There is a plan. And when we give ourselves fully to the work of our Lord, we are participating in the wonderful work of the all-mighty designer and His divine agenda.

There is an important work for all of us to do in the body of Christ. Our enthusiastic dedicated service will make a big difference in the spiritual growth of our congregation. May God be glorified in all that we do.