

## Talents for Work

Who Am I Series (WAI-02)

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- Who am I?
- Identity
  - Our true identity is the way that God defines us
  - Children of God
  - His Masterpiece
  - Created anew...to do the works he has planned for us
- Who am I?
  - What is my part in this?
  - What is my mountain?
- Family and Church - springboards
  - These should establish, strengthen and equip you for your other spheres of impact
- Jeremiah 29:7
  - Work
  - For peace and prosperity
  - Where I sent you
- Work defined - activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose or result
  - Not just what you get paid to do
  - Don't exempt yourself because you don't have a job
- Purpose and desired result
  - Peace and welfare of the place you work
  - Peace and welfare of your own household
- Talents given – application of the parable of Matthew 25:14-30
  - Master gives talents to servants
  - According to their ability
  - Purpose is to use the talents and to prosper
  - The test is faithfulness with what was given
- 1 Corinthians 15:10
- What have you been graced to do?
  - Business
  - Media
  - Arts
  - Education
  - Government
  - Service
- Desires of the heart – a measure of grace and talents given
- Psalm 37:3-4
  - If you are delighting yourself in the Lord
  - If Jesus has first place in your life
  - The desires in your heart have been given to you by the Lord
  - To pursue after your desires is to pursue after what he has given you to do
  - Desire is a true motivator
- Pursuing a desire
  - Study
  - Practice (experiment) – Row, Row, Row your boat
  - Serve
  - Increase in knowledge and skill
  - Faithful – (stick-to-itiveness) – longevity
- Increasing impact – as your effectiveness and your influence increases
- My testimony