



Our Talent Is Not For Sale | Mark Allen | 6.8.25

Key Takeaways:

1. Every believer has spiritual gifts given by God.
2. We must yield ourselves and our gifts to God and others.
3. Gifts need to be developed and used, not hidden or neglected.
4. Using our gifts reflects God's presence and serves the common good.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentions that our gifts are "for sale" when we choose not to use them. What are some reasons people might hesitate to use their spiritual gifts?
2. How does the story of Bezalel and Oholiab (Exodus 31) illustrate God's role in gifting people? What can we learn from their names and roles?
3. The sermon emphasizes the importance of yielding to God, to our gifts, and to fellow believers. Which of these do you find most challenging and why?
4. How does the concept of submission relate to using our spiritual gifts in the church? Why might this be difficult for some people?
5. The pastor states, "God has never called the spiritual gift of sitting in a chair." How does this challenge our understanding of church participation?

6. Discuss the analogy of "kindling" a gift. How can we practically fan into flame the gifts God has given us?
7. How might recognizing that "your gift will make room for you" (Proverbs 18:16) change our approach to using our gifts?

Practical Applications:

1. Take time this week to reflect on and identify your spiritual gifts. If you're unsure, consider taking a spiritual gifts assessment or asking trusted friends what they see in you.
2. Choose one area where you can start "kindling" your gift, even if it seems small. Commit to taking a step to use it this week.
3. Look for opportunities to encourage others in their gifts. How can you help create an environment where people feel safe to use and develop their gifts?
4. Evaluate any fears or hesitations you have about using your gifts. Bring these to God in prayer, asking for courage and guidance.
5. Consider how you can further develop your gifts. Are there classes, mentors, or resources that could help you grow in your areas of giftedness?

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for the gifts He has given each group member. Ask for wisdom and courage to use these gifts for His glory and the common good of the church.