MAKING THE MOST OF OUR TALENTS

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• **READ**: Matthew 25:14-30

Talents Are Given By God; As Are Spiritual Gifts

•1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV) (1) Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, <u>I do not want you to be ignorant.</u>

Each One Of Us Are Divinely Crafted

• (Psa 139:14 NIV) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.

God Determines How Every Believer Is Unique

• (1 Cor 12:7 NIV) Now to <u>each one</u> the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

• (1 Cor 12:11 NIV) All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and <u>he gives them to each one, just as he determines.</u>

• (1 Cor 12:18 NIV) But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

God Has Placed Within Each Believer A Unique Mix Of Gifts And Talents

You Are One In 13 Billion
You Are Unique
You Are Special

We Make The Most Of These Talents Because They Belong To God

•(Eph 4:7 NIV) but to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Each Person Is Given A Different Portion

•(Matt 25:15 NIV) To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

Talents Are To Be Used To Build Up The Kingdom

•(1 Pet 4:10 NIV) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

The Kingdom Is Built Up As God's People Use Their Talents For His Glory

•(1 Cor 12:27 NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

We Must Keep The Focus

• We are Called to Use Our Gifts to Benefit Others

• These Gifts & Talents Were Designed To Be Used

• If We Don't Use Them – We Lose Their Potential Impact

Talents Are To Be Used To Serve One Another

• (1 Pet 4:10 NIV) "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others."

50 Passages Of Scripture Speak Of The Ministry Of Serving One Another

•There Is A Blessing Attached To Serving Others With Our Gifts And Talents

"If Our Lives Are To Remain Useful-- They Must Be Lived In Service To Others."

Faithfulness In Talents Is A Choice

• Our Lives Are Made Up Of Choices That We Have Made

•We May Choose To Accept Or Reject Christ

•We May Choose To Serve Or Not Serve Him

•We May Choose To Use Or Bury Our Talents

Our Choice: What Are We Going To Do With The Talents That We Have

•The Choice Is Simple: Investment Or Burial

Investment Brings Growth ; Burial Brings Decay

Our Choice Determines Our Reward

• Use Them -- You'll Receive More

• Waste Them -- What You Have Will Be Taken Away

God Wants His Kingdom To Grow

God Has Called Us To Help Him Grow It

He Has Equipped Us For The Call
He Has Blessed Us For The Service
He Has Give Us The Talent To Use

God Has A Plan For Your Talents – Make The Most Of Them!!

God Calls His People To Be Productive : To Be Active Faithful Useful To Make Your Life Count !