

YOU GOT TALENT! SERVE WITH YOUR GIFTS!

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WORSHIP

Everlasting God,
Great and Worthy,
Build My Life

WELCOME

What would you say are your top 3 talents? How did you discover you were talented in those areas?

WORD

EXODUS 31:1-6

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, ⁴ to create artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, ⁵ and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. ⁶ And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, so that they may make everything that I have commanded you:

We are on episode 2 of our No Regrets series. Last week we learned that to live a life of no regrets we are to first know our role as God’s stewards. Then we can exercise proper responsibility over the things entrusted to us. When we exercise our responsibility as stewards over our time, influence, and relationships, we will be found faithful by the Lord.

A young man by the name of Brandon Leake was the first spoken word poet to join the show America’s Got Talent. He received the prestigious Golden Buzzer from one of the judges, and later proceeded to be the show’s fifteenth season winner. What’s most amazing about Brandon is not just his talent, but his reason for doing what he does. He said, “Coming to Christ was the largest and most important decision I’ve ever made.” Just like Brandon Leake, God has given unique us gifts that we can use to serve Him!

GOD ENTRUSTS

In **Exodus 31:1-6**, we read how the Lord is giving Moses instructions in the building of the tabernacle, and that He gifted individuals to accomplish the work to be done. The tabernacle was to be the place where God’s glory would dwell, and where His people would come and worship Him.

The Lord called Bezalel by name. In the same way, God knows each of us by name. The Lord knows us and He has a purpose for each of our lives. To experience a fulfilled life with no regret, it is important to have a relationship with God, that His Spirit may dwell within us and fill us to accomplish His purpose. From this passage we can also learn that God gifted people specifically. None of us acquired our talents on our own, but God entrusted these to us—we are stewards. We learn more about this in **Luke 12:42**, we are not mindless robots, but instead we are to be faithful and sensible stewards over what the Master entrusted to us.

INTENTIONALLY

God is intentional in giving us talents; therefore, we should also be intentional in how we use our talents. God’s Spirit also endows believers with spiritual gifts. Both talents and spiritual gifts are from God, and improve in effectiveness with use. They are also to be used to benefit others. However, talents are gifts that are a result of genetics, environment, or simply because God endows us with them. Spiritual gifts on the other hand are given to every believer, we are given at least one by the Holy Spirit according to His will. We can read more about spiritual gifts in **Romans 12**, **1 Corinthians 12**, **Ephesians 4**, and **1 Peter 4**.

Romans 12:1; 6-8, gives us a radical mindset on how to use our gifts according to God’s purpose. We are to intentionally present ourselves to God to be used by Him according to His purpose. There is a proper use for our gifts and how we use them is a form of worship. What are your gifts for? In **1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 11; 25**, we read that these gifts are to be used to serve and bless others. There must be no division and no gift is inferior or superior over another person’s. **1 Corinthians 13:1-2** says, “**If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love,**

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I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." Living a life of no regrets begin with love as our prime motivator. Have you been serving those around you in love?

FOR SERVICE

We continue to learn from the service of Bezalel and Oholiab in **Exodus 36:1-5**. In this passage we learn that there was an outpouring for the building of the tabernacle. There were givers who supplied the material needs for the construction and that the skilled people used the materials that were brought to build the tabernacle. Stewardship of our talents and gifts is more than just building up a physical temple but to build up the body of Christ, to build God's kingdom here on earth!

There are various ministries where people can serve with the gifts they are blessed with. There are those who lead us in worship, those who serve behind the scenes in production, who work the cameras and give their time in editing the Sunday messages.

We are also blessed with those who serve in our I.T. department, who have been a great support especially during this unique time where we maximize online platforms for the work of Christ. We also have people in the chat ministry who serve by ministering to people online. Everyone can be used by God, including you in this period of social distancing and lockdowns. You can serve God by ministering to others through online discipleship groups!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." The ultimate purpose and the secret to a fulfilled life is to do all things for God's glory!

In America's Got Talent, where Brandon Leake joined and won, there is what they call the "golden buzzer". There are 2 things we can learn from the golden buzzer: **1.) This buzzer allows the judge to declare the winner regardless of what anyone else thinks.** This teaches us that we need to be preoccupied not with what we think of ourselves, nor with what other people think, but what God thinks of us. Jesus loves us and wants us to experience the victorious life of no regrets. **2.) The judge can only press the buzzer once. Here we can learn that Jesus is not only our judge, but our advocate. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;" (1 Peter 3:18)** Jesus desires to live with a personal relationship with Him. For that to be possible, Christ died for us once and for all, and made us alive in the spirit that we may live for Him. May we live glorifying God by serving Him with our gifts!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. Self-Check.

What talents and gifts do you think the Lord entrusted to you? Ask others as well.

2. Setting It Right

How have you been using these talents and gifts? Was it more for self-service, or to serve others and glorify God?

3. Living It Out

How (else) can you use your talents and gifts to serve your family and others?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE
IN ACTION

No matter what your gifts are, just go and serve others with them! Serve your family, volunteer in your small group, start your own small group and discover your talents and gifts! Praying for others is a most important way to serve them too!

You can learn more about Spiritual gifts through our GLC class on the Holy Spirit Session 3 by visiting this website: <https://go.ccf.org.ph/HolySpirit S3>.

An important note: though we have different talents and spiritual gifts, all of us are called to share the gospel and make disciples. Discipleship is a calling for all believers! Make the most of Holy Week and share to others what Jesus did on the cross for us and how they can experience true life with in Him and through Him

WEEKLY

PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation
- Wisdom and timely, effective response to the pandemic

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends



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1 PETER 4:10