

## 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

## READ IT!

## EXODUS 31:1-6

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup> And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, <sup>4</sup> to create artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, <sup>5</sup> and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. <sup>6</sup> 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:

## PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

## TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about the Holy Spirit?
- What did you learn about God’s people?
- How did the verses change your view on talents and gifts that you have?

## POINT IT OUT!

Knowing our role as stewards enable us to exercise proper responsibility over the things entrusted to us. When we exercise our responsibility as stewards of our time, influence, and relationships, we will be found faithful by the Lord.

Take for example Brandon Leake, a young man who 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 declared as the show’s fifteenth season winner. “Coming to Christ was the largest and most important decision I’ve ever made” is his reason for doing what he does. Just like Brandon Leake, God has given us unique gifts that we can use to serve Him!

## GOD ENTRUSTS

**Exodus 31:1-6** narrates how the Lord gave Moses instructions in the building of the tabernacle. The tabernacle was to be the place where God’s glory would dwell and where His people would come and worship Him. He also has gifted individuals to accomplish the work to be done.

The Lord called Bezalel by name. God knows each of us by name. The Lord knows us and He has a purpose for our lives. It is important to have a relationship with God, that His Spirit may dwell within us and fill us, to accomplish His purpose in us and for us to experience a life with no regret. God gifted people specifically. None of us acquired our talents on our own, but God entrusted them to us. We are stewards; not mindless robots, so we are to be faithful and sensible stewards over what the Master entrusted to us (**Luke 12:42**).

## INTENTIONALLY

God is intentional in giving us talents, therefore we should also be intentional in how we use them. God’s Spirit also endows believers with spiritual gifts. Both talents and spiritual gifts are from God and they 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 are given to every believer. We are given at least one by the Holy Spirit according to His will (**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



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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.

In **1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 11; 25**, 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, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> 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 learn of the exemplary service of Bezalel and Oholiab and the outpouring of service of God's people for the building of the tabernacle in **Exodus 36:1-5**. There were givers who supplied the material needs for the construction of the tabernacle. The skilled people used the materials to build the tabernacle. Stewardship of our talents and gifts is meant to build up the body of Christ and to build God's kingdom here earth!

There are various ministries where people may serve with the gifts they are blessed with: leading worship, producing and editing Sunday messages, providing online technical support, ministering to people online through chat and discipleship groups, etc. Everyone can be used by God, even you!

## 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.** We need not be preoccupied with what we think of ourselves nor with what other people think, but we must be mindful of 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.** 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!

## WORKS

## APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on YOU GOT TALENT! SERVE GOD WITH YOUR GIFTS!, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

- Simple
- Measurable
- Appropriate
- Realistic
- Time-bound

"I will \_\_\_\_\_"

## SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

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! Serve your family, volunteer in your small group, and start your own small group and discover your talents and gifts!

Learn more about Spiritual gifts through GLC class on the Holy Spirit Session 3: <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

