God Has a Plan for Your Talents

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■ READ: Matthew 25:14-30
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Talents Are Given By God

- 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.
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God Determines How Every Believer Is Unique

- (1 Cor 12:7 NIV) Now to each one 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 he gives them to each one, just as he determines.
- (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.
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- God Has Placed Within Each Believer A Unique Mix Of Gifts And Talents
- You Are One In 13 Billion
  - In Your Gift Mix You Are Unique
  - In Your Gift Mix You Are Special
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- 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.
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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.
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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.
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- The Kingdom Is Built Up As God’s People Use Their Talents For His Glory
- We Must Keep The Focus
- We Are Commanded To Use Our Gifts To Benefit Others
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- 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."
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- 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
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“If Our Lives Are To Remain Useful--They Must Be Lived In Service To Others.”
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Faithfulness In Talents Is A Choice

- Our Lives Are Made Up Of Choices That We Have Made
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- 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
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- 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
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Our Choice Determines Our Reward

- Use Them And You’ll Receive More
- Waste Them And What You Have Will Be Taken Away
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- 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 Given Us The Talent To Use
God Calls His People To Be Productive

- To Be *Active*
- To Be *Faithful*
- To Be *Useful*
- To *Make Your Life Count!*

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