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Giving of Talents

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Exodus 36:1-2

Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful one to whom the Lord has given skill and understanding to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded.

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² Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful one to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work;



Exodus 18:13 - 22

¹³ The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. ¹⁴ When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?"



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¹⁵ Moses said to his father-in-law,
“Because the people come to me to
inquire of God. ¹⁶ When they have a
dispute, they come to me and I decide
between one person and another, and I
make known to them the statutes and
instructions of God.”



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¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. ¹⁹ Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God;



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²⁰ teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. ²¹ You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.



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²² Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.

Talents

1. Talents Differ
2. Talents need to be developed
3. Talents are to be devoted to God for His own glory
4. Talents are for the good of others
5. Talents are to be accounted

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Talents Differ



Romans 12: 4 - 8

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

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⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.



1 Corinthians 12:4-11

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,



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¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.



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Talents Need To Be Developed

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1 Timothy 4:11-16

11 THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU MUST INSIST ON AND TEACH. **12** LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH, BUT SET THE BELIEVERS AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH AND CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.

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13 UNTIL I ARRIVE, GIVE ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE, TO EXHORTING, TO TEACHING. 14 DO NOT NEGLECT THE GIFT THAT IS IN YOU, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO YOU THROUGH PROPHECY WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS BY THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS



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15 PUT THESE THINGS INTO PRACTICE, DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THEM, SO THAT ALL MAY SEE YOUR PROGRESS. **16** PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOURSELF AND TO YOUR TEACHING; CONTINUE IN THESE THINGS, FOR IN DOING THIS YOU WILL SAVE BOTH YOURSELF



2 Timothy 1:6

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⁶ FOR THIS REASON I REMIND YOU TO REKINDLE THE GIFT OF GOD THAT IS WITHIN YOU THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF MY HANDS; ⁷ FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF COWARDICE, BUT RATHER A SPIRIT OF POWER AND OF



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**Talents Are Devoted to God for His
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1 Peter 4:11

11 Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.



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1 Peter 4:10

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¹⁰ LIKE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD, SERVE ONE ANOTHER WITH WHATEVER GIFT EACH OF YOU HAS RECEIVED.



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Talents Are To Be Accounted

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Matthew 25:19

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**¹⁹ AFTER A LONG TIME THE
MASTER OF THOSE SLAVES
CAME AND SETTLED ACCOUNTS
WITH THEM.**