

Stewardship Series Talking Points - October 7, 2018

1) OUR TALENTS COME FROM GOD

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

- All our _____ and abilities are God’s gracious _____ to us.

Comment: If it is all mine, I will use it as I please. If it is all from God, I will use it as he pleases. God is the owner, I am managing what he has entrusted to me.

2) USE YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

1 Peter 4:10-12 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised.

- Use your talents to _____ God and _____ the needs of others
- ✓ In your daily vocation(s)
 - ✓ In the ministry of your church

Pioneer Prayer

Jesus, help our eyes to see, our salvation earned by thee.

Jesus help our ears to hear, calls for help from far and near.

Jesus, help our feet to go, in the way that thou wilt show.

Jesus, help our hands to do, all things, loving, kind, and true.

Jesus, help us every day to be, good and gentle more like thee. Amen.

Thank You Lord, for Your Precious Gift of Talents!

October 7, 2018 - 2 Chronicles 1:7-12, Pastor Robert Hein

Introduction: What if God offered you any talent or ability your heart desired? What would you ask for?

I want.....

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Would your wish be self-centered or God-centered?

Luke 12: 18-21 ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” ’ 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves, but is not rich toward God.

1) God offered King Solomon any gift his heart desired as he began his reign.

2 Chronicles 1:7-12 God appeared to Solomon and said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” 8 Solomon answered God, “You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. 10 Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

2) Solomon asked for a gift he could use to glorify God and serve his people in the vocation God gave to him.

Confirm your promise to my father David

- Have a son to rule over the kingdom
- Build the temple to God's glory as rallying point for the people's worship life
- Savior will come from our family line

Grant me wisdom and knowledge to govern your people

Your people



Give me a Heart that Hears!

Ears - Listen – attentive to God's Will and the needs of his people

Heart - that loves God and seeks to honor him, cares about people and wants to serve their needs

Wisdom – to carry out God's will, make the most of the opportunities he sets before me

3) God blessed Solomon with talents and wisdom to faithfully serve his people

2 Chronicles 1:11 God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, I will therefore give you wisdom and knowledge. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."

4) Let's adopt Solomon's servant prayer to be our very own

a) Help me faithfully carry out my vocation (s)

Consider your place in life according to the 10 Commandments.....

Help me be a good parent

Help me be a faithful spouse

Help me be a respectful child

Help me be a law abiding citizen

Help me be a productive worker

Help me be the best student I can be

Remember what Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." **Matthew 25: 40**

See Christ in everyone you serve, let everyone see Christ in the service you offer

Colossians 3:17, 23 Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

b) In the ministry of my church

5) Christ's humble service and sacrifice for our benefit is the motivation for us to serve others with the talents he has given us.

Matthew 20:28 The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Conclusion – Ask Jesus for talents and abilities, not to puff yourself up, but to glorify God and serve the needs of others with the opportunities he sets before you.