



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Nine

I have talent and abilities, now what?

But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. -Matthew 25: 18

The fear of losing yourself can cause you to lose everything of eternal value. This same fear that can keep you from moving forward will keep you from moving at all! There are those that have amazing gifts and talents but allow the fear of failure to keep them from stepping into God's best for them. This in turn keeps them from developing and multiplying their best into other people. This is what happened to the servant with one talent. Instead of taking that talent, nurturing it and making an effort to multiply it, he buried it. It didn't matter how much or how little he had, he chose to bury it! Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:25 "And I was afraid, and went out and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours."

This is also what we do when we want to avoid something and in the case of the servant it resulted in a rebuke from his lord. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:26-27:

You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So, you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

This passage shows us that there was no effort or forethought put into what he should do. The servant didn't make any effort to invest his lord's money and he thought if he returned what he was given, that would be good enough.

Folks, God doesn't want you to take the talent/abilities He's given you only to

return them unused at His coming. He wants you to develop them, grow them and multiply them to the edification of the Body of Christ. Don't allow fear to rob you from using what you've been given. We are on this earth to magnify our Lord, to be a light in the darkness, to minister to the lost and help them find their way into the light. We can't do this if we are sitting in church but leave our talent and abilities at home.

The now what, is to take what you've been given and develop it so it can be used to magnify the Lord in whatever capacity He places you in.

Questions To Consider

What commitment will you prayerfully make to The Lord to develop your talents and abilities?

Are you willing to submit to God's plan to use what He has given you to Glorify His Name?

Prayer Focus

Father, I know you have given me talent and abilities to serve You. Help me to rebuke fear and allow Your Spirit to guide me to where You'd have me be and what You'd have me do.

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