



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Fourteen

Why Do I Sing?

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. - Psalm 96:1-2

My daughters love the show “America’s Got Talent”. It is not only must-see TV around our house, but the absolute best performances are not actually seen until after each episode is over. That is when the true stars come out. Our daughters’ show starts with the promotional materials we start receiving about fifteen minutes into the TV version. Each is handcrafted and usually consists of construction paper, glue, glitter and the words scribbled in crayon, “You’re Invited to Our Show”. The invitations seem to pile up with the creation of a new invitation every twenty minutes or so until my wife and I hear an audible call, “Are you guys coming?”

It is at that point we make our way upstairs to witness some of the most amazing performances on the planet...at least to us. Of course, there is nothing professional about the presentations. In fact, they are typically not rehearsed, the lighting is terrible and the audio is sub-par at best. BUT, those two little girls pour their heart, passion and soul into performing for my wife and me. It is not about them perfecting their craft, so much as it is about inviting us into their world and letting us see what is inside of them. The real show is them taking their talents, raw and undeveloped, and tossing fear of rejection aside. In the end, the show is about the relationship more than it is about the performance.

Worship is a gift and can be expressed in many different forms. As someone who often stands on a stage and plays an instrument, I can easily forget the reason I ever picked up a guitar in the first place if I am not careful. It was never about the praise I would receive from my peers or collective audience. Just as for my children, it was always about my Father. So, I challenge you today to use your talents for the glory of the Lord. Invite Him into your world, as His children, and sing to Him a new song!

Questions To Consider

What are some talents that I may have bottled up and stopped using because of fear and rejection?

Why do I use my talent? Is it for my glory or the glory of the Father?

Prayer Focus

Father, Thank You for blessing us with talents that not only bring joy to us, but also to You. Help us to steward our talents well to worship You, both in the confines of our home and in public.

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