



Optimizing God-Given Talents

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- ❑ Optimize is to make the best or most effective use of (a situation or resource).
- ❑ The rich and the famous reach their height through the talents or abilities they have in them to provide solutions to the needs and wants of others.
- ❑ Talents are a special natural ability or aptitude OR a capacity for achievement or success
- ❑ The creation and development of talents results in financial freedom/Academic Freedom/ state Freedom as well as socio economic freedom.
- ❑ talents also helps in expansion of economies or creation of ventures for a school or community or district or a nation to create ventures
- ❑ Economies of choice we made and how those choices change the scope of with scarcity are all a function of talents.

- ❑ Everybody got talents but the courage to follow it is the issue
- ❑ God gave us the talents which represent units of value in Gold, Silver Or worth 100, 1000, 10,000 etc
- ❑ It means God has invested in you that is why some of us are musicians, drummers, lecturers, administrators among others.
- ❑ Your ignorance does not change the existence of your talent and the need to fire your talent to your vision and mission is very important
- ❑ this means that you talent is connect academic success work success and financial success
- ❑ Therefore we don't choose courses because somebody else is doing it but we choose because we know our talent
- ❑ Our talent brings relevance AND fulfilment to us and to our community

Luke 19:12-23

The story told by Jesus shows there are 4 ways by which money can be put to use :

(1) Money wasting

- When it is used on unproductive ventures in the business. Example impulse buying of items or using on things which are not needed now or even in future.

(2) Spending money

- Money is spend if it had been used to meet our basic needs like food clothing and shelter. It is judiciously use of money.

(3) Saving Money

- When money is kept to meet our future needs so that we spend it when we are old.

(4) Investing money

- Process in which one sacrifices what he/she has now in order to enjoy it in the future.

Lessons Learnt From The Parable Talents

- a) The word of God endorses & approves Investment as genuine means of wealth creation.
- b) God Always give us something to start with **(talent=ideals, relations, abilities etc)**
- c) We are just stewards of God's wealth and we must tak good decisisons
- d) Investment decision must be taken immediately without procrastination
- e) We should not let monies, business/projects lie idle
- f) There are always a time frame within which one can investment
- g) There is a need to invest to create more wealth for yourself, the people around you and the church as well.
- h) encouragement is needed in order to invest

- i) Accumulation of material things is not wealth but here a need to trade
- j) Financial Success is progressive so think big and start small
- k) Your money habit today determine your financial future
- l) God will allow you to move to the next level when you are faithful with small given to you.
- m) One must develop ability to multiply whatever you have
- n) Deposit account is the least available avenue to invest money

Why Should Christian Create Wealth?

Matthew 27:57 “When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple)
(King James Bible)

Joseph of Arimathea in the Bible according canonical Gospels, was a man who donated his own prepared tomb for the burial of Jesus after Jesus' crucifixion.

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 14:20 “The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends.

Matthew 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Luke 14:28 - For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have [sufficient] to finish [it]?

Deuteronomy 8:18 “Remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the power to become rich. He does this because he is still faithful today to the covenant that he made with your ancestors.

How Then Do You Discover Your Talents

- ❑ Nobody discover talent for you as it is in us as resource given to you by God to complete or mission on earth.
- ❑ People struggle in life because they failed to discover their talents and the need to do all we can to scratch our talents cards is vital for recharging.

❑ We can Recharges through:

- a) Confronting the real Issues that bothers us
- b) The need to prepare a check list of events and challenges we have
- c) Important feedback mechanism from Friends, families, tutors etc
- d) Through the desire to fulfilment and intuition
- e) Ideas and inspirations and effective executions & rate of return
- f) Sacrifice and application as well as moments of adversity
- g) Stewardship and accountability as God expects us to give an account of our talents and abilities place in us 1 Pet 4:10
- h) Example taken good care of our bodies, voices, our teaching te

- ❑ Accountability means God will check the use of our talents on daily/weekly/monthly/yearly to see how judicious we have put these talents in use.
- ❑ With the parable when the master return each of the servant was given the opportunity to accounts for his stewardship. The question is what are you accounting to God all these years??
- ❑ We also recharge through Faithfulness and profitability as the talents we have God expects us to be profitable in every venture includes our teaching/our studies etc
- ❑ What we see these days are prophet/pastors taking consulting fees wrc from innocents people which is now running the country.
- ❑ Rather God wants us to use it to profit each other and our nability to do that means judgement, sanctions and rewards
- ❑ As we perform well, we will be ushered to God's glory and the hidden one will be transfers to us

- ❑ This means that, God will commend, promote and grant you access and increase you talents if you approve that your are trust worthy.
- ❑ Alternatively the servants who hid his talents was sanction and was called wick and lazy for doing nothing with the opportunity.
- ❑ The scripture reminded us to at least put to use our talent in our homes, schools , communities and the nation as a whole.
- ❑ Consequently what was given to him was taken, disposed off and was transferred to somebody when as he failed to utilized his talents
- ❑ No excuses for non-performers as we will find ourselves for rejection or demotion and this is what we see in every election year.
- ❑ Verse 29 gives that if you acknowledge little and we better utilize it without complain, then more will be added to us else the little will be taken away

Unleash you potential

- ❑ This means that take your talent to the highest point . for example when were growing up people show amazing talent but never reach their potential.
- ❑ The need to align your vision to your mission, i.e. there must be connection between your God given talent mission to help develop to the highest level

Questions to ask

- ❑ What do you want to achieve in your life time?
- ❑ What is your purpose or natural talents that you want to develop?
- ❑ Which of the talents are for your strength and weakness
- ❑ What kind of skills do you want to acquire and why
- ❑ What is your time around time to develop the knowledge or skills?
- ❑ What is your view on Time management skills (leadership)?

Are You Accountable?

- ✓ God will check the daily account and see how judicious you have put talents to use
- ✓ You have 86,400 seconds everyday to use and account it to God
- ✓ The parable in Matthew 25 ... saw on the returned of master, each of the servant was given the opportunity to accounts for his/her stewardship
- ✓ Agric students answers questions, business management Students ...answer business management questions etc

Therefore the need to be Faithfulness and profitability to God means;

- ❑ Let us find out whether we are faithful to the gifts and talents as God expects us to be profitable in every venture includes our teaching, our studies etc.
- ❑ Profit means returning more on what was initially invested Isaiah 48:17
- ❑ Minimum standard is the basis of approval and when we failed God will judge or reward us or sanction us
- ❑ When you do well you are invited to God's kingdom or be ushered into the joy of the Lord and those talents that are hidden will be transfer to you
- ❑ This means that, God will commend, promote, grant you access and increase your resources if you approve that you are trust worthy.

We need the 10 Personal Competencies to unveil

Classification	Sub-Category
Achievement Cluster	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Opportunity Seeking & initiative2) Risk Taking3) Demand for efficiency & Quality4) Persistence5) Commitment
Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6) Information Seeking7) Goal Setting8) Systematic planning & monitoring
Power	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9) Persuasion & Networking10) Independence & Self-Confidence

**“You don't have to be Great to Start but
you have to Start to be Great”**

WHAT YOU NEED TO BE BILLIONAIRE IS



Attitude

Skill

Knowledge

Networking

But there are Dimensions-the God Factor to fulfil our potential and Talents

- Ezra 6:14

“And the elders of the Jews continued to build and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo”

Joshua 1:8

The book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth but shall mediate on it day and night and be careful to do according to what is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success