

Redeeming Work: You are Gifted for Work

Grace Fellowship Church / Brian Fannin / Oct 8, 2017

1 Peter 4:7-11

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds purpose in him. (Colossians 1:16 Msg)

***What does God want us to understand about our gifts and how they are to be used in our work?**

1. AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, YOU POSSESS MORE THAN YOUR GENE POOL.

- a) God is the ultimate source of your **talent**...

- b) God is specifically the source of your **gifts**...

There is a difference...YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR TALENTS ARE DISTINCT - ONE CAN GIVE GLORY TO YOU BUT THE OTHER SHOULD ULTIMATELY LEAD YOU TO GLORIFY GOD

2. YOUR GIFTS ARE DESIGNED BY GOD TO ACCOMPLISH ULTIMATE GOOD IN YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS. (4:10-11)

There are two types of gifts mentioned in the NT; gifts of speaking (communication) and gifts for service (1 Peter 4).

3. WHEN YOU TRUST JESUS WITH MORE THAN YOUR ETERNITY...EVERYTHING, CHANGES...

YOU ARE DESIGNED AND GIFTED ...

- a) FOR MORE THAN CONSUMING,

- b) FOR MORE THAN THE MID-LIFE CRISIS OF WONDERING... DOES MY LIFE WORK MATTER?

- c) FOR MORE BY BEING SET FREE WITH GOD'S GIFTS, WORKING IN GOD'S HANDS AT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU TO SHINE FOR HIS GLORY!

"Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence." – Rick Warren

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2: 8-10

We love verse 8, but we miss the fuller weight of God's goodness hidden in verse 10:

- We are His workmanship {again, God works}
- Designed for good works
- God has prepared before you were saved for you to do

Do you know Bezalel (buhzahleel) and Oholiab Exodus 31:1-6?;