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It dawned on me one day while talking to my son that all of the Wisdom that had come from experiences over my life had not yet been experienced in his heart. I sat down at a table, put a cassette recorder between us, and decided to build for him a Wisdom Encyclopedia. Tape by Tape, Topic by Topic, so that in the years ahead of his life, he could reach for that specific topic, that cassette, and have an impartation of extraordinary experiences and Wisdom that could save him countless years of heartache and tears...at his fingertips.

Then it dawned on me that is what The Holy Spirit does to us. He is our Mentor imparting to us. What a privilege to invite you to the table where The Holy Spirit has been teaching me! Here is the Manna He has put in my life.

He is our Mentor.

Your life will never be the same

Wisdom brings miracles.

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The Greatest Quality
On Earth Is
The Willingness
To Become.

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THE MENTOR'S MANNA ON ARILITIES



My Topic Is Abilities. This great subject is so important. Your *income* is decided by it.

Your joy is affected by your using the abilities that God has put inside you.

Finding the *center of your expertise* and being able to *discern* the gifts and the abilities and the talents of *others* is also very important.

Let us just talk to The Holy Spirit Who is the One Who has inventoried everything God has ever wanted to give to a human...every gift. (Try to imagine the incredible Creator of this universe having an invisible warehouse a billion miles long of every conceivable idea and thought that He has wanted to give to you and me. Any ability...any talent...any gift...anything.)

The Holy Spirit is the One Who decides anything anyone ever receives.

It may be an ability with mechanical things or reading or flying an airplane... any kind of ability. It may be administration or playing a piano or writing a song. Your abilities are imparted to you by The Holy Spirit. He is the One Who decides the abilities you receive.

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to Whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen," (1 Peter 4:11).



Our Prayer Together

"Holy Spirit, we *love* You. We *thank* You. We thank You *today* that You are the Giver of all good gifts. And we boldly ask You today to reveal to us...reveal to us, Holy Spirit, what we need to *have* and what we need to *know* about the topic of *abilities*. You are our Mentor, and there is manna on Your table. We have separated ourselves from everything else in the world, because You are the Source of truth. Jesus said that You would lead us into all truth. We depend on You today. Amen and Amen."

Read Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I can. I CAN. I wrote a song called, "You Can. If Anybody Can, You Can." Then, I changed it, "I Can. If Anybody Can, I Can. Because His Hand Has Been Laid Upon My Shoulder."

Awareness

The first fact I want you to think about for your abilities...and we are going to pray about this now. I ask The Holy Spirit to reveal it to you, to give you an awareness of what is your center of expertise.

Are you aware of your GREATEST gifts? You may have five talents or ten. It may be speaking well or an ability to listen thoroughly. Maybe you have a gift for flying planes, mechanical things. (That is not my gift! I can hardly even put a newspaper back together.) I can write songs all day long. Songs flow through me. And I do not understand people that cannot play a piano. To me it is the easiest thing in the world to play a piano. I cannot even grasp why the entire world cannot play a piano! But see, that is a gift. That is an ability.

- 1. When You Are In The Center of Your Expertise, It May Accentuate Somebody Else's Ignorance. Let me give you an example. If I am around someone who is tremendous at repairing an automobile, because they are so good at it, it makes me look worse when I do not even know how to change the oil. Why? They are in the center of their expertise. (That is why you do not want to get cocky! You do not want to get arrogant because you know a whole lot.) Always remember when you are really in the center of what you do well, it may cause others to look bad because you are in the center of your expertise and they are not in the center of their expertise.
- 2. Be Aware of Your Own Gift. One of the greatest stories in the Bible is found in the book of Genesis where Joseph looked at the butler, after he had interpreted the dream and said, "You are going to make it. The other guy is going to be beheaded, but you are going to find favor again in Pharaoh's palace." He says, "But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew me kindness...make mention of men unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house...and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon," (Genesis 40:14-15). In other words, tell everybody, tell somebody in the palace, tell them about me.

Now what was he really saying? I have just interpreted this dream for you. I have a gift. I have an ability. I have a special touch on my life. I want to STAY AWARE of it. Remember it.

You say, "Well, Mike, he should not have done that. That was advertising. That was tooting your own horn. You know, that was..." Wait. Hold it! He knew what he was good at. He knew the gift that God had given him.

3. You MUST Find Your STRONGEST Gift Also. Do you recall the story of the man who had one talent and another guy had ten? The man who had one did not utilize his talent. He was not proud of it. He did not grow it. So God took away what he had and gave it to the man who had several who would utilize his gift.

You must become aware of your gifts and your talents, or GOD will take them away. You see, if you are not aware of your God-given abilities, if you do not know what you are good at, if you do not know what God has anointed you for, you may not even use them.

- 4. If You Do Not Know The Center of Your Own Gifts And The Abilities of God, You May Even Abuse Them. You will misuse them! You won't even use them. And others will not be blessed, and God will take away what He has given you. You need to be aware of your own gifts.
- 5. You Need To Be Aware of The Gifts of Others As Well. Notice what other people do well. Celebrate the gifts and the abilities of God in others.
- You Need To Be Aware of The Ability of God, Because There Are Things You Cannot Do Yourself. You cannot force

someone to do something. You cannot force a lot of things to happen, but you can trust in the *abilities of God*. And what does the Bible say? "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord," (Zechariah 4:6). Jesus put it this way, "If you shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it," (John 14:14). "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible," (Matthew 19:26).

This is one of the most important things you should know about your life...God can do those things you do not have the ability to do.

You cannot change your husband's heart, but God can.

You can not make your son quit drinking alcohol when you are not around, or get your daughter off drugs, but the power of God can.

So it is not only important that you be aware of your abilities, aware of other's abilities around you, but also aware that there is a supernatural God of this universe that is involved with your life.

HE IS CONNECTED TO YOU.

When you cannot go another step, and when you do not know where to turn, and when you have exhausted your own personal abilities and capabilities, there is a supernatural God at your side.

I love what Jesus told the disciples, "And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto the magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say," (Luke 12:11-12).

Accountability

The second key word is accountability. You are accountable for your gift. Nobody else is. YOU ARE. And if you do not use your gift, if you do not find it and use it, God will take it away just like He did with the man with one talent.

Awards

The third key word is *awards*. Did you know that in eternity you are going to be rewarded for *doing what God told you to do with your life?* There is going to be a great banquet of celebration. I believe that. So utilize what God has given you that you can some day stand tall and proud when you are giving an *account of everything that He has given to you*. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God," (Romans 14:12).

Anointing

I believe you should look at your gift as something God has anointed you and *empowered* you to do.

Anointing is the power of God. That is why some are anointed (this may sound crazy to some people) but some people are anointed for laying brick, working with wood, working with steel or iron, whatever. In the Old Testament, Solomon chose people that were anointed with special gifting. I mean in the area of gold and silver and building the temple.

See that gift and that ability as the power, the capability of God, being imparted to you. "He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with Wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work," (1 Kings 7:14).

Boldness

Be bold about your gift. Joseph was! Know the *center* of your expertise. You do not have to get cocky and brag and say, "I'm better than you." But you must be bold about telling people, "This is what I am *called* to do."

Books

Read to grow your gift. Read because mentors are all around you. Suppose that you have a real gift for speaking. Did you know some of the greatest speakers of the world have incredible material at your finger tips? Be bold to purchase books. I bought a book one time for \$84. A young man with me said, "I can't believe you bought that book for \$84."

I said, "Oh, I didn't. I bought a man's *life research*. It took him 20 years to find out what I will find out in two hours."

Read.

Go to seminars. Learn. Grow your gift.

Cultivation

Cultivate the center of your gift, your ability. If you sing or whatever you do, there are things that you must cultivate and grow within you. You cannot be what you are not, but you can become what you are not.

Celebration

Celebrate your talents. Celebrate your abilities. Celebrate. Do not make a small thing out of it.

Do not belittle it. It is precious.

You are a walking reward to somebody.

Celebrate, also, the abilities of your mate...your husband, your wife, your kids. Celebrate their gift. They may have a gift for putting airplane models together. Do not kick it around and say, "Oh, honey, get this out of the floor." Say, "This is remarkable." Celebrate the abilities of others and you will create a magnetism, a current, between you and others.

Church

I believe the work of God, the church, should be the first place you use your gift. If you are called to organize, go to your pastor and say, "I have a gift for organizing things. Please let me use my gift at the house of the Lord." If you have an ability for typing, go to your pastor and say, "I want to type your manuscripts." If you have an ability for painting say, "I want to paint a mural or I want to paint the Sunday school building"...or whatever. But use your talents. Sow them

Remember it is the *first fruits* that God blesses. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase," (Proverbs 3:9).

Discernment

I believe you have to discern your own gift. There may never be anyone to show you what you are good at. Discern gifts in others. Always be noticing. Be looking. (Especially in your immediate family, start noticing what others have a gift for, what their abilities are.)

Example

I would look for *examples* around me of people with extraordinary abilities. When you read the newspaper and you see somebody is being rewarded or getting an award for their music or they are being celebrated, *notice*. All around you are *examples of people who have used their abilities* at their highest level of *excellence*.

Encouragement

Encourage yourself. You must learn to encourage yourself in your ability. Encourage others in their gift also. Encourage your family to pursue the Assignment that God has called them into

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is so important. If you have a gift...a true gift...and you know your ability, there should be a *natural* enthusiasm for it.

Flexibility

There will be a season in your life when you will be working at a company or a job when you may not really be in the *center* of your expertise. Remember, God is getting you ready. Do you remember the movie called, "The Karate Kid?" He wanted so badly to learn karate. The old man said, "You just polish this car. You paint this fence." What was he doing? He was *preparing him*, and then he started the real training of karate. What you are doing today may appear to be like the farthest thing from the center of your abilities or your gifts.

God is educating you.

God is creating a whole parade of information necessary for your future, so *be flexible*.

Favor

Joseph could have thought, "Man, this is not the picture I had," when he was down there taking care of prisoners. "This is not what I had in my mind. This is not the picture. I'm supposed to be head of the whole kingdom." God was getting him ready for his future rulership.

If you *use* your gift, the Bible says, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings," (Proverbs 22:29).

Focus

Focus on the *center of your expertise*. Give *focus* to it. Use your focus and the giftings of focus. Focus means...do not get involved with every little thing that comes along. Try to stay in the *center* of what you are good at.

Gift

Your ability is a gift from God. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights," (James 1:17). Do not forget who gave you the ability to play the piano. Do not waste your music at a night club. If God has given you the ability to write songs, do not write ungodly songs that entertain people who enjoy drinking beer in the night clubs. If you are going to do something, use it for God. Exclusively. Use it to spread the name of Jesus. If you have a gift, use it the best way you know how to bring glory to the name of the Lord

Years ago I was offered an incredible opportunity that would have made me hundreds of thousands of dollars. And the Lord spoke to me and gave me a song called, "Exclusively Yours." If I write a song and if I have a gift, it exclusively belongs to the Lord.

Exclusively Yours

The works of my hands Will bring You glory! When I write a song It'll tell Your sweet story! And, if I lean on anyone, It will be on You only! I'm Exclusively Yours! I'm Exclusively Yours! Exclusively Yours! Exclusively Yours! Not a "part time" love But a love that endures If I could give You more. Lord, You know I would! I'm Exclusively Yours! Exclusively Yours!

Holy Spirit

He is the Source. Let me tell you what I read in 1 Corinthians 2:9, and this will bless you. Oh please get this. You must know that there is an invisible Warehouse of the universe, and everything God ever wanted to give you is inventoried.

The Holy Spirit has researched the Warehouse. He is the One Who decides every gift that comes to you from the Father. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us." Now notice He says no eye has ever seen the gifts, abilities, the things that God wants to give. No ear has ever heard. The mind has not even imagined it. "But, God hath revealed them unto us." How? "...by His Spirit: For the Sprit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Read 1 Corinthians 12. You will find that He is the One Who gives to every man severally as He wills. What does this mean?

The Bible says no man's eyes...nobody has ever really seen *all* that God has done. Nobody has seen the collection of gifts, the abilities, the wonderful things God wants to give to us. *But The Holy Spirit has*. The Holy Spirit has been the *Researcher*. Isn't that powerful? The One Who walks beside you *has photographed the warehouses* of the universe. Everything God has ever thought of—The Holy Spirit researched.

- · He is the Giver of those gifts.
- He reveals them

First Corinthians 12:4, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." Many gifts are given, but the same Spirit. Now these are talking about the gifts of the Spirit. "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of Wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit." What is He saying? "But all these worketh that one and

the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." He is the One.

- · He decides your abilities.
- · You discern your abilities.

You do not decide that you are good at speaking. You are not the one that decides you are good at repairing mechanical things. You are not the one that decides you are creative. You are not the one that decides you are good with children. You are not the one that decides that you are a good administrator.

The Holy Spirit is the One Who knows every good and perfect gift God has intended for you, and He is the One who gives it to you. He decides the *distribution*.

- Ask The Holy Spirit to really show you the abilities He planted within you.
- "Holy Spirit, show me my gifts, and keep me in the center of my gifts."
- Do not try to drag other people out of their center of expertise either.

Let me give you an illustration. I had a precious salesman friend of mine who was so upset one day. We walked in his home, and his home was an absolute mess. It was horrible. It was dirty. It was bad. He was so upset. He was tom apart. He said, "Why can't my wife keep this house clean? I can buy it. Why can't she keep it clean?"

I said, "How long have you been married?" He said, "17 years." "Has she *always* been this way?"
"Yes"

I said, "Then, she does not like to do this. She does not want to do it. She hates it. She hates housework. Why are you so torn up? You are upset with your kids. You are upset with her. All of you are upset with one another. She is definitely not gifted at organization. Anybody ought to be able to keep things clean, but she is not going to do it!"

So, I said, "How long does it take you to earn \$1,000 in selling?"

He told me he could earn it in only two hours!

I said, "Are you kidding? Wait, wait, wait, you can hire someone to clean this house! You can hire someone to do that." And I showed him how he could work just one day—what he would make in a single day would bring someone to that house twice a month to keep it clean for a year!

That is why you want to honor other people's gifts. If you are not good at something, at least honor what *they* are good at, but try to stay in the *center* of what *you* do well. If you are working at a job for \$20 an hour, do not mow your grass if you can hire someone else to do it for \$5 an hour. Let *them* mow the grass, and you *stay in the center of what you do well*.

Humility

Keep humble about your gifts...your abilities. Do not brag to everybody. You should know what you are good at, but *stay humble* because it is The Holy Spirit who gave you your gifts.

Importance

If you do not know what you are good at, it will affect you financially, it will affect your joy. That is why it is so important.

Ignorance

Ignorance...of your gifts. According to the Federal Labor Department, seven people out of ten do not even work on the right job. There are even personality profile tests that you can take so you can easily discern the *weaknesses* of your own personality. You can learn how to *compensate* for these weaknesses and know what you are good at. (I would urge you to call your pastor or someone who knows about these profile tests, and take them.)

Joy

If you are doing what you love...what you are called to do, there should be joy in your life. That is the purpose of your ability—so that you can grow and do things and produce...be productive.

Knowledge

You must get *more* knowledge about your abilities...more knowledge about your calling. You can do that through seminars, books and tapes.

Limitations

You are *not* good at everything. You may not be called to play a piano. Maybe you are not called to work on cars. Know the *limitations* of your gift.

Mentors

The phone book is full of mentors. Mentors at roofing (if you are a roofer). You want to preach? Go to your pastor and say, "I want to sit at your feet."

Celebrate your mentors.

Negotiation

You may not be working on the right job. You may need to go to your boss and say, "I am not doing what I do well. Let's negotiate, please. I need to be at the right place, the right calling, the right position."

Opportunity

You must *look* for opportunities to use your abilities and your gifts.

Exhaust every present open door.

Promotion

Promotion will come when you *use* your ability. The Bible said, "Seest thou a diligent man in his business? he shall stand before kings," (Proverbs 22:29). A man's gift will cause him to stand before a king.

Problem-Solving

You have an ability to solve some kind of problem. Did you know good listeners are getting \$75 an hour? (Some people call them counselors!) But they listen well. That is their gift. That is an ability.

Qualifications

Qualify. You have to *qualify to rule*. Qualify to be a *leader*. Qualify to be a manager. And as you develop your gift, you will find that God qualifies you for *promotion*. "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another," (Psalm 75:6-7).

Responsibility

Your responsibility is to find your greatest ability and your gift and stay in the center of it.

Reward

Always remember your ability is a reward for somebody. Somebody desperately needs what you are good at...and they are closer to you than you realize.

Self-Sufficiency

You did not get here by yourself. So, constantly show a thankfulness to the Lord for your ability. Your abilities are solutions.

Solution

Your abilities are solutions to the problems of others around you. *Who* are they? Who needs what you know? Who needs your greatest gifts?

Thankfulness

Stay thankful. Whatever you do, stay thankful. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," (Ephesians 5:20).

Uniqueness

Find where you are *unlike* others. Do not just find what you are *not* good at, but find out what you love to do that others around you do not really want to do. Remember your

future is in your difference. Your significance is not in your similarities to others—but, rather your point of difference. Never celebrate sameness. Celebrate difference.

Victim Mentality

Do not always talk like a victim. "Well, I am not good at this. I cannot do this." You are great at something! Find it.

Wisdom

I want to pray a special prayer that God will give you Wisdom to *find the place* where your ability is celebrated, not tolerated. Remember, God made *places* before He made *people*.

Where you are can matter as much as what you are.



Our Prayer Together...

"Father, You are the One Who gives us everything we need...
everything we have. I decree today for my friend and my
partner...I decree and I come into a covenant now, I enter into a
covenant that they taste, they plumb the depth, they go to the
bottom of the well and find the sweetest water. In the name of
Jesus, let favor flow toward them. Let favor flow toward them.

Help them to find geographically where they will be celebrated. In Jesus' name. Amen and Amen."

My Important Closing Words

Now, it is so very important that you share this book with somebody. Take these little notes that you have written, take this book and go to someone who matters to you...someone that is going through a problem with their abilities. They cannot seem to find their place. Share it with them.

I must pray another special prayer for you today. It thrills me that you have taken the time to sit at the feet of The Holy Spirit to be taught the Mentor's Manna. He is our Teacher. I wrote a song called, "Holy Spirit, This is Your House."

Holy Spirit, this is Your house. Holy Spirit, this is Your house. Your desires are all that matter. Your desires are all that matter. Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Sweet Holy Spirit, this is Your house.



One Extra Prayer Of Faith For You...

"Holy Spirit, we sit at Your feet. And the reason we are reading this book is because we crave You. We do not want to grieve You. We will not offend You in any way. We will not vex You. You are our Teacher.

You are our Comforter.

You are the One who walks beside us.

I pray supernaturally for a mantle of Wisdom around my special friend and partner today...now, now, now. Even while they are sitting in their automobile or in their home...wherever they are today. Holy Spirit, You are our Teacher. You are the Spirit of Wisdom.

You are not a dove.

You are not a cloud.

You are not a fog.

You are not wind.

You are not rain.

You are not an experience.

You are not an event.

YOU ARE A PERSON.

You are assigned to walk beside us. We celebrate You today. WE CELEBRATE YOU TODAY. Lord, I pray especially for the *prayers that have gone up*. I pray for the *Seeds of finances* that have been sowed into this ministry. Lord, even today as they have sowed Seeds of love and finances, I pray for it to multiply and come back a hundredfold like You promised in Mark 10:28-30.

You promised it and we believe it. We believe it. I thank You. We drink from Your well. We eat at Your table. This is Your house. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

Will You Accept Jesus As Your Personal Savior Today?

The Bible says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," (Romans 10:9).

Pray this prayer from your heart today! "Dear Jesus, I believe that You died for me and rose again on the third day. I confess I am a sinner...I need Your love and forgiveness...Come into my heart. Forgive my sins. I receive Your eternal life. Confirm Your love by giving me peace, joy and supernatural love for others. Amen."

Yes, Mike! I made a decision to accept Christ as my personal Savior today. Please send me my free gift of your book 31 Keys to a New Beginning to help me with my new life in Christ.

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