

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Title: Using Gifts and Talents for God's Glory

Introduction: _____

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

The Lord is looking to send laborers for His harvest, and He wants people who are prepared to yield their _____, their _____, and their _____ to the Lord.

God desires _____ for His harvest.

God desires _____ laborers for His harvest.

"Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise." (Psalm 33:3)

1. A Heart of _____

"For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

A. The Bible reveals to us that _____ that we do should bring honor and glory to the Lord.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

B. When others see our _____, they should want to glorify the Lord.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

- C. God's Word explicitly says that we were created for _____. When others hear the music that we perform, our songs should direct them to Jesus Christ.

"Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." (Psalm 105:2)

- D. God does not _____ us gifts and talents for our glory.

"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:24)

- E. When we are looking to glorify self with our talents and gifts, it is called _____.

"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look..." (Proverbs 6:16-17)

- F. Realize that _____ are from God. There are no "self-made" men.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17)

- G. With a gift or talent comes a _____.

- H. A spiritual leader is one who has a position of influence. The only way to properly fill this position is through the _____ of _____.

- I. If you want to cast the shadow of influence, then you must stand in the right _____.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

J. There is _____ in purity.

2. Hands of _____

QUOTE: “Talent is a gift, but character is a choice.”
—John C. Maxwell

A. Develop your talents and gifts at a young age. Prepare for life of service in the music ministry, whether you end up being a church _____ or a church _____.

B. _____ yourself to the Lord and His plan for your life.

C. If you desire to be used of the Lord, be _____ to exercise the gifts that God has given you. It is work!

“In all labour, there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.” (Proverbs 14:23)

“A man’s gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.” (Proverbs 18:16)

D. Do not wait to _____ your gifts and talents.

E. Realize that God gives us gifts and talents to _____.

3. A Humble _____

QUOTE: “Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.”—Lou Holtz

“The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.” (Proverbs 20:27)

“And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.” (Ecclesiastes 3:13)

- A. When you _____ yourself in the Lord, He promises to give you the desires of your heart.

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

- B. When you are _____ to honoring the Lord with your talents and gifts, He will bring to pass what He has promised.

“Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:5)

- C. Remember that God brings the _____. I must remember that even though I “till the land,” that it is God who “sends the rain.” I must do my part and trust in Him to use me in the way that He sees best.

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5–6)

“For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.” (Galatians 6:3–4)

Conclusion: _____

QUOTE: “Our talents are the gifts that God gives to us. What we make of our talents is our gift back to God.”

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)

