

Managing God's Creation

Message 6: Managing Our Abilities

God is the Source of all our abilities.

Everything we have: (I Cor 4:7; 12:4-11; Ps. 18:32-36)

Everything we don't have: (Exodus 4:10-11)

God wants us to develop the abilities He has given us.

Developing our abilities is a _____. II Tim 1:6;

Developing our abilities takes a concentration of _____
_____ I Tim 4:12-16

Developing the proper abilities requires _____
_____.

God wants us to use the abilities He has given us. (I Peter 4:10-11)

We are to use them to _____ (10a).

We are to use them _____ (10b).

We are to use them _____ (11a).

We are to use them in _____, so that _____
gets the glory. (11b)

For Your Consideration This Week:

What particular gifts or talents do you think God has given you? (spiritual gifts, natural talents, etc.)

What makes you think you have these gifts? Personal conviction?
Encouragement from others? Successes?

God doesn't give gifts without a purpose, and the purpose is usually to display His glory, or to increase, strengthen or protect the Body of Christ in some way. In what ways would the church suffer if no one used the gifts you mentioned above?

How have you intentionally developed the gifts and talents God has given you?

In what ways are you using your gifts/talents now?

Who is benefiting most from the use of your gifts? The church? Your boss? Your family? You?

What practical things can you do to develop and use your gifts more effectively for God's Kingdom?