

# **This Is Real Life: God Designed You With Your Geniuses And Natural Abilities!**

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### **This Is Real Life, Pt. 6**

#### **Theme Verses:**

**Psalm 139:13**, *For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

**Romans 12:6**, *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.*

#### **How Do You Develop Your Geniuses And Natural Abilities?**

##### **-Dedicate Them TO GOD**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**, *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

##### **-Hone Them And IMPROVE THEM**

**Romans 12:3**, *For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.*

**Ecclesiastes 10:10**, *If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.*

##### **-Use Them Or LOSE THEM**

**Matthew 25:14**, "... it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money... 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ... 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! ... 28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

## **Why Do You Use Your Geniuses And Natural Abilities?**

### **-To Serve OTHERS**

**1 Peter 4:10**, Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

### **-To Make A LIVING**

**Deuteronomy 8:18**, But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

### **-To Make A Living So You Can SHARE WITH OTHERS**

**Ephesians 4:28**, Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

### **-To Build Up The Body Of Christ - THE CHURCH**

**Ephesians 4:12**, ...to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

**Ephesians 3:20**, Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

### **Congregational Communion:**

**Matthew 26:26**, *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins... 30 When they had sung a hymn...*

### **Next Steps:**

#### **Spiritual Gifts Test**

If you have not done a test in a while, please go online and find out what your spiritual gifts are at: <http://cottonwoodcreek.org/spiritual-gifts>

#### **Cultural Luncheon Today!**

You are invited to attend the Cultural Luncheon today in The Courts at 12:15p.