



Devote Your Talents

“To be a Christian is to do what Jesus did: serve!” Pope Francis

We are called to be Christ to all peoples, to serve one another with devotion and conviction of our faith that Jesus exists in each and every person. But in order to serve we must give to others what God has given to us, our Time, our Treasure and our Talents; in short, we must give to God our complete presence. If Jesus were to walk up to you, would you not devote yourself completely to Him? If then, Jesus does exist in every person, why are we so hesitant to give ourselves completely to the service of others?

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Luke 16:13

Excuses, excuses, excuses...we love to make excuses for why we are unable to serve and surrender our complete presence to God. The fact is, we have a choice. We choose to surrender or we choose to make excuses. We can say not to today but maybe tomorrow. Yet whether today or tomorrow, Jesus is still longing for us to nourish Him in the eyes of those who live in brokenness. Our gifts, talents and time are not our own, we did not give them to ourselves, we were given them to share with all the world. So what then is our excuse for not using them to serve Christ?

“Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.” Henry Van Dyke

If only those who are the best of the best serve, whose talents shine as a dazzling diamond, then the world would be a talentless sphere. No one is perfect at anything, God created us not to be perfect, but to give our best and your best is always good enough in His eyes. Your talents may seem small or undeveloped, but none-the-less God longs for you to express the beauty that He has placed within you.

Wondrous Creator,
reveal to me the gifts that You have given me.

Open my eyes to all opportunities
to use my gifts for the good of others.

Grant to me a desire to serve
with true devotion and endless compassion.

May that I in my humble service become a reflection of Your love.
And may the beauty that lies within my soul radiate the endless
wonder of You.

AMEN