

Your Talents

Have you ever said, “I don’t have any talent”? We often hear these words from newcomers when asking to place membership. We all know the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. While this parable talks about a unit of money, we can apply it to other areas as well.

There are some talents unique to specific people – for example, leading singing. But there are other activities which might be considered talents. Take, for example, ladies who have a talent for cooking and men who have a talent for leading prayer. Providing a meal to a family in need (for a variety of reasons) is certainly a talent which is greatly appreciated. If you have a talent for talking with people, even complete strangers, you would be a great addition to our Welcome Center. You could also make a habit of walking around and visiting with members and visitors before and after services. Make short visits to some of our shut-ins or hospitalized members. Does someone in the church family live close to you and need a ride to services? Can you invite families into your home to share a meal and time of fellowship? Maybe you can help set up rooms for special events, rake leaves in the yard, or sweep the sidewalks. Everyday chores require a talent and if it is something you can do, you are using your talents.

God has provided us with the means to earn the talents needed for our daily food and existence. As a good steward of that money, we want to give back a portion to the Lord as He has blessed us, or participate when a family member needs a hand.

Wherever you go someone is always watching. By setting a Christian example in your language, the places you are seen, and the manner in which you treat others, you are using your talents through example. You may not be able to stand up in class and teach a lesson but you can lead by example.

There are many opportunities to use your talents in the family here at Karns but sitting on your hands and waiting for someone else to do what needs to be done is not making good use of your talent.

Are you letting your talents shine so that others can see and realize that they too have talents? These talents may seem small but they are important to our church family. In Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus gives us the great commandment in the law, followed with the second greatest commandment: “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

We should make sure our talent for loving the Lord and our neighbors shines through for all to see.

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