

Bloom Where God Planted You

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2 Kings 4:1-2 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

Mark 14:8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

Mark 6:38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

- I. God has given each of us something to use for His glory and His Kingdom.
 - A. He doesn't give everyone the same gifts.
 - B. He doesn't call everyone to the same part of his work.
 - C. Men have this idea of producing preachers from a factory like Henry Ford produced cars, but we can surely see that it doesn't work.
 - D. We all have this tendency to want to imitate others when they shine exercising their God-given gifts.
 1. We are all not given the same talents, gifts, or means.
 2. But we are all given SOMETHING.
- II. All are not created equal.
 - A. Some are given 5 talents, some 2, and some 1.
 1. All seed is not the same – some produce 100 fold, some 60 and others 20.

Matthew 13:8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

 - B. God only requires of you according to what you are given.

Luke 12:48 ...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: ...

 1. He doesn't expect you to produce something that you are not able to.
 - C. We should give to God and use in his service what we have and not try to use what we do not have.

1 Corinthians 12:18-20 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.

 - D. This should be our standard instead of trying to impress others and make a name for ourselves.
- III. So ...what hast thou in the house?
 - A. What talent or ability has God given you?
 - B. What is your disposition toward others?
 1. Are you a "people-person" that can relate and communicate well with others?

2. If you aren't good at dealing with others one on one or in a group there is still something else God can use you for.
 3. All cannot be preachers in the pulpit or on the street.
 4. Everyone cannot be in the jail ministry and everyone cannot be a missionary to a foreign country.
 5. Everyone can't be a teacher or a musician or a singer.
- C. Some gifts when exercised are comely – and some are not.
- D. Some have gifts that are strong and some have gifts that are feeble, but if they are both from God they equally responsible for exercising them.
- E. We should all be a witness for Christ, but we will be the best witness for Christ when are using what He gave us and not when we are trying to do something we can't do.
- F. Some gifts require that you be seen by others and noticed.
1. But most gifts do not require that, but when exercised will only be known by very few, and maybe only known by God himself.
- IV. Little is much when God is in it.
- A. God almost always uses the little and not the big.
1. Abraham, Gideon, David, Joshua, Elijah and the widow, Elisha and the widow, the little boy's lunch, etc.
- B. We should search our hearts and lives and recognize what God has given us and give it back to Him.