

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

“For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 25:29-30).

“You are fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14). It is true. Each day we get out of bed and move through life, we must certainly be reminded of just how remarkable our existence is. Without even thinking, we breathe, blood pumps through our bodies and countless nerve endings fire their electrical pulses to make that morning coffee and to begin another glorious day. Even more amazing is the fact that you can do it like no other. You are unique.

The more I interact with people, the more I am convinced of this fact. Every day I teach PE for a multitude of kids, and no two of them are alike. Some are shy, and some are outgoing. Some are loud, and some are soft spoken. Some like to push the boundaries of the rules, while others wouldn't dream of it. They are all different. Furthermore, they all add something unique to the class. Now, often that “something” is a bit of a challenge for the teacher, but more often than not, it is an opportunity to teach.

The church is no different. People do not grow toward some line of standardization. As we become adults, we are just as unique as those children on the playground. We have potential, meaning and purpose. We are endowed with great gifts and talents from God. Unfortunately, members who feel as if they are absolutely insignificant fill the church today. At one point, they, no doubt, had good and positive feelings about themselves and felt the world was their oyster, so to speak. Yet, something changed, and those days passed. Somewhere along the way, they decided that they have nothing to offer and really serve no useful purpose, at least spiritually. They feel inferior to most and will do their utmost to avoid serving.

These are the words of the adversary. Satan wants you to believe you can offer nothing because he knows if you believe that, then you will do nothing and thus rob the church of your abilities and gifts. Maybe you have never thought of it that way, but we rob God when we do not use His gifts for His purposes, and there is absolutely no zero talent individual. In this day, do not rob God, but rather use your talents for great good.

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