



Gaining Talents

This tree was planted to give **fruit**.

What it offered did not **make up for**
what it did not offer!









His **SEED** + His **GROUND** = His **PURPOSE**

**Whatever you have is given to
you by God.**

**Whatever you have is given to
you to be used.**

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us. If a man's gift is prophesying, LET HIM USE IT in proportion to his faith ... (*Romans 12:6*)

There are different kinds of gifts ...
service ... working. Now to each
person the spiritual gift is given
**FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE
BODY. (*1 Corinthians 12:7*)**

He gave some to be apostles, prophets,
evangelists ... to prepare God's people
for WORKS OF SERVICE so that the
BODY OF CHRIST might be built up.
(Ephesians 4:12)

Each of you must USE WHATEVER GIFT HE HAS RECEIVED to serve others and administer God's grace in its various forms. *(1 Peter 4:10)*

But the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and UNDERSTANDS it. He PRODUCES FRUIT, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

(Matthew 13:23)

If you do not use your talents (bear fruit) there is something which you do not understand.

The Lord put the fig tree in the soil and supplied sunshine and water. But he did not put figs on the tree. He expected the tree to do that!

Types of Talents

- leading – initiating / inspiring
- creating – conceiving ideas
- organizing – converting ideas into possibilities
- maintaining – making things work
- relating – perceiving people rather than ideas

Would God (who gave me talents) be insulted by how little I use them for his service or kingdom?

The image is a composite graphic. The top portion shows a bright sun setting behind a line of trees, with rays of light and a sky filled with soft, golden clouds. Below this is a solid black horizontal band containing the text "Gaining Talents" in a large, white, serif font. The letters have a distressed, cracked texture. The bottom portion of the image is a vibrant green field, possibly a meadow or grassland, under the same lighting conditions.

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