

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Highlighting Valuable Talents

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on highlighting valuable talents within the family. Everyone has a talent. Some are valuable and others maybe not so much. One of the tasks assigned to parents is to prepare them for the real world. Our children need to be trained for real life. We need to help them find their talents and encourage them to use them. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Talents Must Be Uncovered

- A. Discovering talents takes some work (**Matthew 25:14-30**).
- B. Empowering your children can be liberating (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**).
- C. Delegating responsibility is mandatory (**Colossians 3:23-34, Proverbs 22:6**).

II. Talents Must Be Utilized

- A. Using our talents is a sign of Christian love (**Matthew 25:31-46**).
- B. Using our talents is a sign of Christian service (**Philippians 2:5-11**).
- C. Using our talents is a sign of Christian growth (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).

III. Talents Must Be Unobstructed

- A. Your talent should help you bear fruit (**John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23**).
- B. Your talent should help broaden the kingdom (**Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:40-47**).
- C. Your talent should help others see God (**Matthew 5:13-16, James 1:17**).

Conclusion: God's word says that we were made for each other. God's word also reminds us that there is no place like home. If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you! If you have not been added to the family of God, come and take the steps necessary for salvation. Your Heavenly Father is waiting for you now!