

## Gifts

An idea was passed to me recently that made me sit back and reflect on the premise of gifts. Normally when a person thinks about gifts immediately what comes to mind is presents to unwrap. The gifts that were discussed are concerning the talents that a person has inside them and how those talents are used and shared with another person. In essence we are giving the gift of our talent to another person.

Every person has amazing talents inside them that can be given as a gift to another. The points to ponder are; how I can share my gift with another person and how can they benefit from my talents I have to give. What gifts do I possess that I can share and will the other person want the gift? Do you understand or know what your amazing gifts are in order to share them with another? This past week I discovered that many people do not realize their full potential of their gifts and how those gifts will and can affect other people in a positive way.

What are some of the gifts that we possess? Some people have the gift of speech and can motivate people to take on amazing feats. Another area would cover the knowledge one has of their trade or profession. Still others may have the ability to express ideas. A gift that many possess that seems to get neglected frequently is the gift of gab creating conversation. The limitations on each person's gift are self-inflicted and imposed limitations. Unleash those gifts to help serve you and others.

How can we tap into our gifts to increase and enhance our abilities and while doing so enhance and create an atmosphere that helps and guides other people to greater heights? We are taught to increase our weaknesses and turn those weaknesses into strengths. Quite frequently the gifts that are the strengths lay dormant due to a person trying to increase weaknesses and turning them into strengths. What happens time and again is the strong gifts become neglected and become weaker gifts. The weaknesses become stronger however the stronger gift loses its strength and becomes a weakness. Work your strengths while you are working on your weaker points to build a stronger you. It is a use it or lose it mentality.

You must hold yourself accountable with your gifts. Within the service trades the service technician must use their gifts. These gifts are the ability to diagnose, install, or repair. This equates to knowledge of your trade. How can you increase your ability in your trade to enhance your client's life? How can you affect your clients in a positive way? What are you doing with your talents?

Is your talent expressing and passing ideas to the client possibilities concerning solutions that best fit their budget or lifestyle? Is your talent having the ability to communicate effectively to your client? Is your talent listening to the client and then gaining clarity to what has been stated?

The time is now to start using your gifts and spreading those gifts to those people that surrounds you. This means sharing your talents with co-workers, employer, and clients. Expose those talents and unleash the potential that you possess.

Today it is time to try to sit down and put on paper the talents that you have and make a commitment immediately to start exploiting those talents in the way they should be used. Start taking advantage of the talents that are in you to increase your potential value to those people around you. You do have something important to say that will help a person or client generate better decisions.

You need to hold yourself accountable for your actions, reactions, and non action. Holding yourself accountable will increase your clients gratitude to a well done verse well said. It is better to have it know that you accomplish things with a well done attitude verse a well said as it focuses on accomplishments and actions.

Choose today to share your gifts with every person that you come into contact with and watch your value and worth skyrocket upwards. The rewards are immeasurable and the feeling of satisfaction and well done will not get old and stale. The gifts that you hold can be never ending when you hold yourself accountable. Start using your talents to enhance your ability to have more successful engagements and opportunities.