

Accelerate Wealth from the Inside Out

Day 9: Using Your Talents to Follow Your Calling

As I sit to write this chapter, it is late, the sky is black and there is a light cloud cover that prevents the stars from twinkling though the midnight sky. The air is luscious with the scent of salt water and happy people. So many folks reserve their happy moments for that one week of vacation they take each year. They grind through the other 51 weeks of the year doing career activities that are not aligned with their divine calling or purpose.



Where do you really want to live?

What do you really want to do for your fulfilling, blissful career?

What is the love dynamic want to experience in relationships?

Living a fulfilled and fully self-expressed life is the existence and lifetime you came into your body to live! Have you taken the time to sort out who you are and what is the life that is totally in alignment with you? You were divinely gifted with the ability to manifest **all** of your dreams.

One of the stories attributed to Lord Jesus made a great impact on me in my youthful, formative years. This story lives in me as part of my standard of excellence, even today.

The Parable of the Three Talents

Many years ago, in a far off land, lived a powerful king. The kingdom's coffers overflowed with all manners of wealth. Every day, the king enjoyed the lifestyle befitting royalty and he was content in all areas of life.

One day in the king's life, much like any other, the king decided to gift three subjects with a blessing. To the first man he gave a gold coin (coins were called talents in this parable). The King said to this simple fellow, 'Use your talent wisely. I will expect a report of what you have done with the blessing I have given you in a year's time'. This man gratefully accepted the gold coin and said "Thank-you my Lord and King. I am honored you chose me for this blessing'. He bowed and walked away. As he left, his mind went to scheming and planning on how he might make a fortune. 'What great luck' he thought as he walked away.

The second man was announced and proceeded to approach the King. He bowed graciously before his Ruler. As he stood there, dressed in the clothes of an aspiring merchant, the king made a decision to increase this man's blessing. 'Good man,' the king said, 'I see that you wear the clothes of a merchant and I am gifting you three gold coins for you to use as you see fit. Be wise in your use of these talents, for in one year you will return to me to report on how you have used these gifts.' 'Yes my king, thankyou Your Majesty! 'The second man was absolutely delighted with his good fortune and went off to his home. As he walked down the village path towards his home, he wondered how he could make a good impression on the king next year.

Finally, the third man was announced to the king. He walked with confidence towards his Sovereign. He was both respectful and kind. The king took an immediate liking to this fellow who seemed to walk in faith and trust as he stepped forward in his life. The king saw something in this man's gait that inspired him to give an even greater blessing. 'Good sir', said the king, 'I gift you with the greatest of my blessings. To you, I hand the treasure of ten golden coins'. The third man thanked the king. 'My good king, you have been so generous to me in this day. This is only a small portion of the wonder and generosity you have provided for me through the years. I am so grateful to live in this paradise that you have provided for me; I thank-you, Your Majesty, on behalf of myself and my entire family. You are truly a great and wise man. I am honored to share this day with you.' He gratefully bowed to the king and left the palace to return to his home and begin his year of using his newly gifted ten talents.

A year had passed and the king sent a summons to the three gifted men. Each man was asked to return to the king and present their tally of accomplishments from the extra talents they were gifted. The men gathered in the front entry of the palace throne room. They waited, with anticipation of the king's approval, in entry hall outside the king's 'Golden Temple of Silence'. In this Temple no one but the king and those he spoke with uttered a word.

His Royal Highness gestured to the temple guardian to invite the first man into the temple. The king looked at the simple man and with a benevolent gaze he asked the man; 'sir, what have you to report from this year? How have you used the talent I gave you?' The simple man replied, 'I had many thoughts about how to use the gold coin. I was afraid I might make a mistake, lose it or have it stolen. I kept it safe from robbers and thieves, my king. I buried my talent in the earth where no one could steal it.' The kindly king looked upon him one more time and asked him to return the talent. The talent had not been used; it had done no good for the simple man or for any other person. He then sent the man back to his life, relatively unchanged from the year of blessing.

The king signaled to the temple guardian to bring the second man to him. There was a twinkle in the eye of the merchant as he approached the king. He proudly told the king, 'I put the talent in the bank. I kept it safe so I could come back and show you that I have not squandered what you gifted me. It has earned interest and I now have 4 gold coins.' He showed the king the four coins and awaited the king's response. The king was not displeased, yet he pondered this situation for a long time before finally speaking to the merchant. As he waited, the merchant had lost a bit of his confidence and begun to sweat. The ruler looked upon the face of the merchant kindly and spoke. 'You have been respectful of my request, good sir. You kept the talents safe in a bank. You did not, however, use these talents for helping others or yourself. I will allow you to keep these talents and send you out again to use them for good.'

The third man had been waiting a long time now. He had remained calm and focused. He was happy to finally have his chance to again kneel before his benefactor. As the temple guardian instructed, the third man approached the king. He knelt before the king and bowed, waiting. The king said, 'Hello sir, it is good to see you again. Tell me, what is your news?' 'I thank-you, Benevolent One, for I have spent the year finding wonderful things to invest in. Some of my projects have gone very well and others have fizzled, but I am pleased to tell you that the year was an excellent one! I used the ten talents full out, every day. I looked for ways to increase these talents and to improve my life and of those ones I love. From the 10 talents, I return to you 100 talents!'

The king gazed at his subject with thoughtful appreciation. 'I have judged rightly by giving you ten talents, for you were willing to use them completely. Thank-you for returning to me the talents I gifted you and the abundance you have manifested! I bless and return these 100 talents to

you. Go forth and use these talents in whatever way you wish. Accept my blessings for an abundant, prosperous life.'

The third man left with a small fortune in hand. He eventually became the king's royal treasurer!

Which of these faithful subjects are you?

Can you find yourself in here?

Are you playing it safe, afraid you might lose what little you have, so you don't even try?

Are you putting your talents into low yield projects, where little comes back to you?

Are you the rare one who is going for it, using all your talents to the best of your ability?

Life is a daring adventure or nothing at all!

Your talent, that part of you that is golden, is your divine purpose.

How do I recognize what is golden?

For a talent to qualify as golden, you have to feel energized and delighted in the doing of it. If that is not the case, this activity is just a strong suit. A strong suit is something you have developed over time out of a need to survive. An example would be if I took on bookkeeping because I heard it was steady, good money, yet I really didn't enjoy it. I am capable of doing the job, but I would not get into that wonderful flow working as a bookkeeper.

If you have been far from what you love for awhile, you may not immediately know what your golden talent is. This may be a new concept or

new way of thinking for some people. When asked 'what do you love to do', some people may reply by saying 'the only thing I can I imagine I love to do is eat or make love'.

I promise you, God gave each of us multiple golden talents. Explore your alignment with your career.

List ten talents you have been given and categorize your present usage of this talent

a. Buried b. Low return investment c. Full tilt /full

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Aligning with your purpose is an absolute Joy!

If grace and ease were the foundation of your blissful career, what could you imagine yourself doing or being in that role?

Homework

Increase your energy with a fresh gratitude list

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

Practice the Meditation on your CD, The Definitive Guide to Powerfully Generating Your Abundant Life

Notes to self to chart progress

What I saw during my abundance meditation practice

What I felt

What I realized

What I generated (note any changes or results from your mock-up meditation)

- 1.

2.

3.

Notice any changes in yourself. Have you become more calm, resolved, deserving, or capable in these past few days?

May it be with the blessings of the Supreme Being
that whatever happens in this grand 21 day Law of Attraction program be a
benefit and a joy for you, your lifestyle and for the ones you love.
May the entire world be filled with health, vitality, abundance, joy and peace.

Amen.

Blessings and light for a day of transformation!
Yahoo!

