

Morning Lesson

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF!

TEXT: 1 Pet. 2:9, 10

INTRO:

1. Illus.: Diary of a 70-year old man. No talent, never been a success...
2. Do we have similar feelings when it comes to service in the kingdom?
3. The Bible has a clear-cut message for us when we are tempted to take this view of our abilities to excuse ourselves.

I. YOU ARE GIFTED!

- A. We have been endowed with the ability for service. **Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:11, 12**
- B. We need to put our talents to good use.
Matt.25:26-28

II. YOU ARE UNIQUE!

- A. We do not all have the same function.
 1. Some criticized for not doing like others.
 2. Tendency is to feel everyone should be like me.
- B. No one else has my exact stockpile of talent.
 1. Don't worry about what I do not have.
 2. God made me like he wanted. What am I doing with it?

III. YOU ARE NEEDED!

- A. If you refuse to give your God-given talent, the body is handicapped. **1 Cor. 12:14-19**
- B. We have many areas of service defined and I'm sure there are several we have not identified.
 1. Find one and do it.
 2. There is something that will not be done if you do not do it.

CONC:

1. Do not underestimate your abilities!
2. Illus.: Jan Smothers at F-HU with me.