

USING YOUR ABILITIES AND PERSONALITY

Getting Into S.H.A.P.E. -- Part 3 & 4

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Job 10:8 (NIV) *"Your hands **shaped** me and **made** me..."*

HOW TO VIEW YOUR ABILITIES...

1. Every ability is _____ by God.

Romans 12:6a (TLB) *"God has **given** each of us the **ability** to do certain things well."*

2. Every ability can be _____ for God's glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV) *"...**whatever** you do, **do it all for the glory of God.**"*

3. Every ability shows God's _____ for your life.

Hebrews 13:20a (TLB) *"And now **may** the **God** of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, **equip you with all you need for doing His will.**"*

4. Every ability will be _____ if not used.

Matthew 25:28 (NIV) *"**Take the talent** from him (who didn't use it) and **give it to the one who has the ten talents.**"*

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PERSONALTY SKILLS...

1 Corinthians 12:6 (Phillips) *"...God works through **different men in different ways...**"*

1. Be _____ of personality differences.

Genesis 25:27 (TEV) *"The boys grew up, and **Esau** became a **skilled hunter**, a man who loved the outdoors, but **Jacob** was a quiet man who **stayed at home.**"*

Proverbs 22:6a (NIV) *"Train a child in the **way he should go...**"*

2. _____ personality differences.

Romans 15:7a (NIV) “*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...*”

Romans 14:13 (Phillips) “*Let us therefore **stop turning critical eyes on one another**. If we must be critical, let us be critical of our own conduct and see that we do nothing to make a brother or sister stumble...*”

3. _____ personality differences.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (TLB) “*Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one Body of Christ, and **each one of you is a separate and necessary part** of it.*”

Romans 12:10 (TEV) “*Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to **show respect for one another**.*”

HOW TO USE YOUR ABILITIES AND PERSONALITY...

1. _____ them

Romans 12:3 (Phillips) “*Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but **try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities** by the light of the faith that God has given to you all.*”

2. _____ them

Romans 12:1 (TEV) “*Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him.*”

3. _____ them

Proverbs 19:8 (TEV) “*Do yourself a favor and **learn all you can**; then **remember what you learn** and you will prosper.*”

4. _____ them

1 Peter 4:10a (TLB) “*God has given each of you some **special abilities**; be sure to **use them to help each other**...*”