Lighthouse's Got Talent!

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Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21 (New International Version)

As with our time and our tithe, we are called to be stewards of the talents God has given us. There are 5 things the enemy does to discourage us from believing that God has equipped us to do His will.

#1: WHAT I HAVE IS INSIGNIFICANT TO GOD.

#2: WHAT I HAVE IS NOT ENOUGH.

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:15-16 (NIV)

#3: WHAT I HAVE IS <u>HARD TO LET GO OF</u>.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:3-8 (NIV)

#4: THAT WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN ME IS <u>RIDICULED BY OTHERS</u>.

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." 1 Samuel 17:47 (NIV)

#5: THAT WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN ME HAS COST ME MUCH PAIN AND HEARTACHE.

Core Value: "We encourage one another to discover our God-given gifts, talents, and passions and put them to use."