

The Gifted Artisans
Exodus 31:1-11
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Main Point:

Like the tabernacle artisans, God has gifted you for the building up of Christ's church; therefore, know your gifts and lovingly use them for your Savior.

1. Like the tabernacle, the church of Christ needs to be built up.

2. In order for the church of Christ to be built up, God gifts His people to do the work.

3. God's gifting of His people is universal, diverse, and sovereign.

4. Know your God-given gifts and lovingly use them for your Savior.

1 Corinthians 14:12 ¹² Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, let *it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel. (NKJV)

Micah 3:8 ⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. (ESV)

Luke 1:15-16 ¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 12:7 ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: (NKJV)

John Calvin "God had already conferred acuteness and intelligence on the artificers in question; yet their dexterity was only, as it were, the seed; and He now promises that He will give them more than had previously appeared."

Daniel Hyde "The Holy Spirit took those with natural gifts, which also came from Him, and used them in a spiritual way to edify the whole congregation."

J.V. Fesko "There is no appendix in the body of Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:21 ²¹ ... The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 12:4 ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 12:11 ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. (NKJV)

Exodus 39:42-43 ⁴² According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. ⁴³ Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them. (NKJV)

Daniel Hyde "Because of cultural influences on the church in America in our time, we tend to treat the church like a drive-through restaurant. We think to ourselves, 'It will always be there and it will always have what I want, when I want it.'"

Romans 12:6a ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them* ... (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 13:2 ² ... Though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (NKJV)