

GENIUS SERIES (PART 1)
HOW TO UNLEASH THE GENIUS OF GOD IN YOU
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I. Introduction: Today we are beginning a series called, “Unleashing the _____ within you.”

A. The Bible makes it clear you have genius in you. You already have _____ in Christ you will ever need to fulfill everything God has put you on earth to do, far beyond what you can imagine or think.

- *“Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 2:26 NIV)*
- *“It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.” (1 Corinthians 1:30 NIV)*
- *“Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of goodness. As a result of this, he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises we can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.” (2 Peter 1:3-4 TPT)*

B. The question is not if you have genius in you but whether you will _____, grow it, and use it to change your world. Genius is more than IQ; it is gifts, creativity, passion, perspective, and wisdom that God gives so that His world can be _____.

A Christian genius is “anyone who will use their God-given gifts, passion, and insight to make a difference in Jesus’ name.”

C. Why this matters so much

1. The world is in desperate _____ for the genius of God to be revealed through His people. *“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 3:10 NIV)*

2. Unleashing our genius will lead to fullness of _____.

“The graveyard is the richest place on earth, because it is here that you will find all the hopes and dreams that were never fulfilled, the books that were never written, the songs that were never sung, the inventions that were never shared, the cures that were never discovered, all because someone was too afraid to take the first step.” -Myles Munroe

3. God’s genius will empower you to make better _____ and have fewer regrets. In any area of your life, you are just two or three good decisions away from breakthrough and you are just one decision away from regret and sorrow.

“Bad decisions never result in a good life.” -Andy Stanley

II. How to unleash the genius of God in you. The first step to genius is humility because humility allows God to remove lids and release His wisdom in your life.

A. The big challenge of genius is not getting it but allowing God to _____ off it. First of all, Genius is not something you learn; it involves many things that you need to _____.

Five of the biggest lids: _____, pride, selfish ambition, condemnation/unworthiness, envy and comparison with others.

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:6-7 NIV)

“But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” (James 3:14-16 NIV)

B. Steps to unlearn your limitations and remove the lids to your genius through humility
“Whoever humbles himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:4 NKJV)

1. Acknowledge and admit that you _____ what you need to know.
“Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know.” (I Cor. 8:2)
“It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows.” -Epictetus
2. Acknowledge your need for _____ and ask for it continually. By so valuing wisdom Solomon ended up finding that wisdom was the one thing, that by asking for it, he got everything else he could’ve wanted or needed.
 - *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Proverbs 9:10)*
 - *Solomon said, “I am as a little child who doesn’t know his way around. Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between what is right and what is wrong.” (I Kings 3:7,9 TLB)*
 - *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” (James 1:5 NIV)*
3. Ask God to _____ the lids and lies and claim the power of the cross for those to be removed and for your true worth, potential, and identity to be rewritten upon your heart.
“You have heard it was said _____ but I say to you...”
4. Keep asking _____ of God and His Word. Our hearts and minds can only receive wisdom that we have prepared a place inside of us to hear and receive.
“Indeed if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” (Proverbs 2:3-5 NIV)
5. Humbly _____ your will and ways so that your wishes and dreams don’t get in the way of God showing you His wishes and dreams being _____ - and coming true in your life.
“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1 NIV)
“Don’t go to God with options and expect Him to choose one of your preferences. Go to Him with empty hands, no hidden agenda, no crossed fingers behind your back. Tell Him you’re willing to do and be whatever He says.” -Max Lucado
“But when you ask him (for wisdom) be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.” (James 1:6-7 NLT)

(Answers: I. Genius A. everything B. discover it, transformed C. need, joy, decisions II. A. remove the lids, unlearn, fear B. don’t know, God’s wisdom, expose, questions, surrender, revealed)