

Unleashing The Genius in You #1

The Genius of Humility

Week one of the sermon series ***targets dreams God has placed in your heart***. Each week you will walk away from the sermon summaries equipped to discover the genius God placed in your hearts, you will have tools to apply to your life.

God generously gives each of us dreams which HE planted into our hearts and our minds. We will learn to shift our thinking and realize the dreams God gives to us. Dale shared the quote, **“Don’t die with the music still inside of you.”** We have dreams inspired by the music in our hearts. Take a minute to reflect on the list below.

Circle, or mark any dreams which **expresses your heart**, *and add dreams of your own*:

I dream about.....

- Funding kingdom initiatives to help those in poverty
- Leading and building teams for effective ministry
- Impacting children through music
- Creating beauty to draw others to Jesus
- Strengthening marriages from God’s Word
- About launching and leading a church to reach the emerging generation
- Harvesting souls for God
- Teaching scriptures for God
- Igniting the kingdom passion of every young child
- Unleashing the potential for God’s work in the people around me
- Sharing God’s work in the people around me
- Sharing God’s love overseas
- Leveraging resources for kingdom growth
- Mentoring children who have been abused
- Managing people and process for kingdom effectiveness
- Mentoring young women
- Meeting the physical needs of those in financial difficulty
- Inspiring men to live Godly lives
- Empowering people to live a healthy lifestyle
- Developing tools to help others draw closer to God
- Writing stories to inspire people to follow God

- Creating business or enterprises to meet

critical needs for others

Sermon Summary questions:

Genius, is not something you *will* have one day, instead genius is already *in* you, God gave you genius. God has given us all things pertaining to life and Godliness. **2 Peter 1:3 You are fearfully and wonderfully made (genius).** Before you were born, God wrote in your DNA what you are meant to be. There is a difference, in your life when you know what your purpose, dream, or calling is, this is where your biggest difference can be made. **What has been written in your DNA by God?** We are on a mission to know our purpose, our calling, and our dream.

1. Why is it so important to realize God's genius in you? What resonates with you?

The world needs the genius God gives us to show through us, so we can give hope, and creative solutions to the present crisis- or the needs in the world and those around us. **(Ephesians 3:10)**

2. What might be a way the genius in you, could shine in the world and be a living testimony for Jesus?

***When I find my genius, I discover God's pleasure and joy in my life". (Hebrews 12:2)**

In the novel, "**Chariots of Fire**", we read the line, "*I feel the pleasure of God when I run*".

3. "When do you feel the pleasure of God?"

The wisdom of God will help us to make better decisions and have fewer regrets. Dale said during this sermon, "*You are a couple of good decisions away from finding a breakthrough in an area where you have had the most difficult problems.*"

4. What is an area in your life that you would like to ask God to give you wisdom, in order to make a quality decision, or to turn something around?

One of the greatest keys to unleashing your genius is to recognize and to remove the lids which keeps your genius locked down and inside of you. Timothy had great potential, yet- he was being held back by fear. Paul identified the spirit of fear in Timothy. The spirit of fear was quenching the fire inside of Timothy. **(2 Timothy 1:6).**

Also, we see in the example of Moses, as a young man he was an eloquent orator, yet by the time God called him to speak to Pharaoh and deliver the Children of Israel, Moses told God he wasn't able to speak. The fear of failure and disillusionment had tapped down his genius with a lid on his genius.

5. Can you think of something in your life (or in the past) where you see the enemy placing a lid on your potential?

God's Word gives us insights and shows us what, or where the genius in us may be covered by lid(s). Some of these lids are- *fear, selfish ambition, shame and condemnation, bitterness, envy, comparison, unbelief, negative people, and cynicism.*

6. What is a lid you can especially identify with?

Humility is key to releasing our genius. Matthew 18:4 tells us we must humble ourselves and become like little children to see the Kingdom of God. Jesus, our perfect model, thanks the Father that He hid His wisdom from the high and sophisticated, instead He reveals His wisdom to little children. We are to become like little children, who *'think outside of the box, are creative and imaginative'*. Genius comes when we allow God to **renew** our minds and **replace** the lids of old thinking with the truths of God and who we are in Him. Jesus can speak to us, such as in the phrase, "YOU have heard what was said (____), but I say to you (____)". Fill in the parenthesis, **replace** your old thinking with His wisdom.

7. **What does Jesus say to you in the situation of who you are?** Examples of what we may have believed or told ourselves could be things like:

1. *I'm unworthy of God's love*
2. *there isn't a solution to my problems*
3. *I am a victim, and cannot overcome this problem*
4. *I am not smart or good enough to do this thing*

8. **Can you identify a lie God might want you to unlearn and replace this lie with His truth, so you can walk in the Genius God has for you?**

*****Take a moment as a group, or between you and God, to practice prophesying over others, or yourself. After you have shared your dream with the group, or yourself, speak a prophetic word of encouragement over each other, or yourself, when you listen to the Holy Spirit.**

9. **Some keys to have humility in order grasp and release your genius.**

Which ones do you closely associate your thinking with?

- i. You have to know, that you don't know (you can never learn something new if you are convinced you already know what there is to know)
- ii. You have to be humbly dependent on God for wisdom. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Solomon, as he became King, was given a wish for anything -he chose wisdom. BY choosing wisdom Solomon received everything else! We need to express to God our dependence on His wisdom, and not lean to our own understanding.
- iii. We need to demonstrate humility by asking God questions. This is especially powerful when we look to God's Word for Him to speak answers to our questions.
- iv. We need to surrender our plans and agenda and truly be willing to live by God's wisdom, not our own wisdom. Jesus taught us that- the person who is willing to do God's will, will know the truth they need. James emphasizes if we have a **'divided loyalty'**, we are unable to receive wisdom from the Lord.

10. **What is an area you may need to bring yourself to complete submission to the Lord, so wisdom can be released in you?**

Key Scriptures for Meditation:

- “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him. But we have the mind of Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 1:26 NIV)
- “He (Jesus) is the key that opens all of the hidden treasures of God’s wisdom and knowledge.”
(Colossians 2:3)
- “See to it that no one enslaves you by means of worthless deceit of human wisdom which comes from the teachings handed down by human beings and from the ruling spirits of the universe and not from Christ.” (Colossians 2:8)
- “Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by His divine power. For all this was already lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.” (2 Peter 1:3 TPT)
- “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 realm.” (Ephesians 3:10 NIV)
- “For the joy set before him, He endured the cross, suffering the shame, and is seated at the right hand of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)
- “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 God has not given you a spirit of fear but of power, love, and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:6-7)
- “Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know.” (1 Corinthians 8:2)
- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Proverbs 9:10)
- “Whoever humbles himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:4)
- “Solomon said, I am as a little child who doesn’t know his way around. Give me an understanding
mind, a hearing ear, and a listening heart.” (1 Kings 3:7-9)
- “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given you.” (James 1:5)
- “But when you ask (for wisdom) be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person of divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.” (James 1:6-7 NLT)
- “Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.” (John 7:17)