



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Thirteen

Who am I building up with my talents and gifts?

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance...But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it. -2 Timothy 3:10 & 14

The Apostle Paul, the writer of 2 Timothy, is an amazing example of a leader who was determined to multiply his gifts, use them to serve others, build the church, and multiply those gifts in others. He did these things to be obedient to God's command to love Him and love others.

Paul took a young guy named Timothy under his wing, traveled with him, invested in him, taught him, and was his mentor. Paul taught him everything he knew and shared his every gift all in the name of spreading the Gospel. Paul prepared Timothy to be sent out by using every gift and ability God had given him.

It is your responsibility to not only use your gifts to serve others, but to build them up. Be on the lookout for potential in others. Then, pour into that person with all your abilities and help them sharpen theirs. Use your gifts to build this person up instead of yourself, resulting in multiplication (ICNU Conversations plus Apprenticeship). Take the time to train up new leaders and then let them train up leaders, and on and on. There are many people God wants you to help mobilize and disciple. Pour into them with love and compassion the way Paul does with Timothy. He often calls him "my fellow laborer" and "my dear son".

It does not matter if your particular gift is not teaching, you can bring someone alongside you and show them how they can use their gifts to glorify God. You do this as you use YOUR gifts to glorify God and serve.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. -Proverbs 22:6

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. -Proverbs 9:9

Questions To Consider

Which talents and abilities can you use to train up others?

Who are you going to invest in?

Prayer Focus

Lord, You are the greatest teacher and leader. I ask that You give me the strength and courage to use my gifts to build up others. Put someone on my heart to invest in. Help me do my best to multiply my gifts to bring You glory. Thank You for loving me and leading me, amen.

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