

**THESE THREE THINGS
I GIVE TO YOU -
How Will You Use Them?
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All people in the world possess these three things. God has provided them to everyone. Each of us has been given a portion of each of these gifts. The question is: How will each of us use these gifts? Will it be to glorify God? If you were given a report card on your performance every month, how would you be graded?

TIME

While in elementary school, I remember seeing the comment recorded by my teacher on many occasions: “Does Not Use Time Wisely!” Are you using your time wisely? Are you helping others or only doing things to please yourself? Are you like my grandmother who was constantly on her feet going from one chore to another? Although it is good to stay busy taking care of the needs of yourself and others, it is also good to take time to communicate with God (see Luke 10:38-42 on the importance of listening to Jesus). Are you spending time with God? Do you talk with Him often? Do you read and meditate on His Word?

TALENT

As we look around the world today, we can see that there are many different talents which people possess. These talents are used in different ways by different people. Some use their talent to entertain, help, heal or teach others, while other people use them to make a living and some even get rich off their talents. Another way to look at our talents is to see them as “Spiritual Gifts” from God, to be used to please God and glorify His name (see 1 Cor. 12:4-11 on gifts of the spirit). Do you give God credit for your talent? Are you using your talent to glorify Him?

TREASURE

We all possess a certain amount of treasure, some of us have much more than others (see Mark 12:41-44 on relative amounts of treasure). We often think of treasure as money or possessions which are worth a certain amount of money, but there are some things which have very little monetary value but are priceless to some people. Often our mind is a vast treasure box, full of knowledge, information, memories, ideas, etc. One of the ways we can show our love for God is to share our treasure with others in the name of God - praising God for our treasure we have to share. Everything we have are gifts from God. We owe it to Him to share what we have. We are to help provide for the needy. Some people have material needs, but many have spiritual needs too. Are you sharing your testimony with others? Do you share the gospel of Jesus or God’s Word - the Holy Bible - with others? Do you share what you have learned and what you understand about God? (see Matt. 28:18-20 on the Great Commission)

Would God be pleased with how you are using your Time, Talent, and Treasures?