"Guardians of God's Talent"

Sunday, October 9, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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Exodus 31:1-6 & others

BIG IDEA: Christ-followers are Guardians of God's Talent.

"I have filled him with God's Spirit, with wisdom, understanding, and ability in every craft... I have put wisdom in the heart of every skilled artisan." Exodus 31:3a, 6b (CSB)

My talent is <u>God's</u> <u>talent</u> .
My talent is thankfully dedicated to God.
My talent serves <u>eternal purposes</u> .
My talent brings independence, not dependence.

My time is <u>productive</u>, not <u>consumptive</u>.

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Read: Review the passages from this message on managing our TALENT.

Think: Think about putting your TALENTS, SKILLS & ABILITIES to work, and then ask these questions: Do you work best with ideas, things, or people? What qualified Bezalel as Artistic Director for the Tabernacle. (Exodus 31:1-6)? Who helps him out and why? What does. this passage say about the way God equips people? What does it mean to do whatever you do "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17)? What does Paul mean when he says to work in such a way as to "not be dependent on anyone" (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)?

DO: Where during this year do you sense growth in leading a "productive" life? What adjustments do you need to make and allow for in order for Jesus to have complete lordship over your skill set?