

# WAYS TO GET A RAISE

## WAY #3 - "YOUR TALENT"

*Proverbs 18:16 - A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.*

*Genesis 41:15-16 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. 16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*

**GIFT** a natural ability not acquired through effort; talent  
**TALENT** any natural ability or power; natural endowment

### EVERY 'GIFT' COMES FROM GOD.....

*James 1:17- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

### GOD'S 'GIFT' CANNOT BE 'RECALLED'

*Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance (e.g. are irrevocable).*

### GOD'S 'GIFT' CANNOT BE 'BOUGHT'

*Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.*

### EVERYONE HAS A 'GIFT'

*1 Corinthians 7:7b - But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.*

### GOD GIVES MANY 'GIFTS'

*1 Corinthians 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.*

*Ecclesiastes 5:18 Joy in riches is the gift of God*

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

*James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

### BE CONTENT WITH YOUR 'GIFT'

*Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

### EXERCISE YOUR 'GIFT'

*2 Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee .....*

### THE EXECUTION OF A 'GIFT' REQUIRES.....

**TEMPERING** (to make suitable, desirable or free from excess)

**Genesis 37 - SETBACKS BECOME SETUPS.....**

**TESTING** (an examination or trial so as to prove the value (or nature) of something)

**Genesis 40 - WITHOUT FAITH.....**

**TIMING** (the regulation of speed, or moment of occurrence of something so as to produce the most effective results)

**Genesis 41 - IT IS BIGGER THAN YOU.....**

## KEY VERSES

**Genesis 37:3** Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. 4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. 5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

**Genesis 37:19** And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams

**Genesis 37:28** Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

**Genesis 37:36** And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

**Genesis 40:8** And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

**Genesis 40:14** But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: 15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

**Genesis 40:21** And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: 22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**Genesis 41:11** And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. 12 And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. 13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged. 14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

## SERMON OUTLINE

{BIRTHRIGHT} **RECOGNITION** (to be aware of as something (one) known before)

- A man's gift.....(Proverbs 18:16a)
- And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; (Genesis 41:12)
- 'Its in me'.....

{BLESSING} **REVELATION** (to make known; divulge; expose into view)

- maketh room (opens the way) for him.....(Proverbs 18:16b)
- And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was (Genesis 41:13)
- 'Its in reach'.....

{BENEFIT} **REPRESENTATION** (presenting a likeness, image, or picture of)

- And bringeth him before great men.....(Proverbs 18:16c)
- Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. 16 It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. (Genesis 41:14,16)
- 'Its not in me'.....

