<u>Pastor's Weekly Devotional</u>- May 4, 2017 "Gifted People"

History is replete with stories of gifted people. What's surprising is that most of these people were overlooked by others who thought that they were ordinary and below ordinary.

No one believed in them.

- Albert Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak and 7 years old before he could read.
- Isaac Newton did very poorly in grade school.
- Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor in Kansas City because it was deemed that Walt had "no good ideas."
- Haydn gave up on making a musician of Beethoven, who appeared to be a slow with no apparent talent.

But there is a lesson for us in these stories: Different people develop at different rates. God's sovereign power controls the life of each human being. No one is an accident. God created you for a purpose. He did not make you to be an existential vacuum. Whether you are a slow learner or a Type A Personality – you are God's Gift to the world, your family and your friends.

Life is a place of service. You have to weather storms and drought. You have to fend off people who act like animals, smell like bugs, infectious as mold and some are rotten to the bones. But if you hang in there, your giftedness will come through.

Does it take long for people to see your potential and giftedness? Sure it does!

- Ask Jesus, He waited 30 years before His true identity was revealed as the Son of God.
- Ask Moses, whose giftedness was revealed at age 80.
- Ask Colonel Sanders, whose KFC was recognized at the autumn of his life.
- Ask the inventor of the cleaning product 409 it took 408 misses before his giftedness was recognized.

So remember – you are special to God. He made you in His "likeness and image." Consider yourself as a person of worth. You are no accident!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!

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