

MAXIMIZING YOUR STRENGTHS

A Toolbox for Life: Skills You Need to Succeed – Part 3

Skill #1 Ignoring the Naysayers **Skill #2** Recognizing What Matters Most

“Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.” Jeremiah 1:5a (Mes)

*“You Lord, made my whole being; you formed me in my mother’s body. I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way . . . You saw my bones being formed as I **TOOK SHAPE** in my mother’s body. When I was put together there, you saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in your Book before I was one day old!”* Ps 139:13-16 (NCV)

THE 5 ELEMENTS GOD USES TO “SHAPE” YOUR LIFE

S _____

“Each one has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.”
1 Corinthians 7:7b (NIV)

H _____

“Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

A _____

“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well . . .” Rom 12:6a (LB)

P _____

“God works through different people in different ways . . .” 1 Cor 12:6 (Ph)

E _____

“All that happens to us is working for our good if we love God . . .” Rom 8:28 (LB)

HOW DO I MAXIMIZE MY GOD-GIVEN SHAPE?

1. _____

- **BY** _____

“You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted?” Galatians 3:4 (ICB)

“Everyone should examine his own conduct; then he will be able to take the measure of his own worth; with no need to compare himself to others.” Galatians 6:4 (Knox)

“Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities . . .” Romans 12:3b (Ph)

- **BY** _____

2.

“What right do you have as a human being to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter: Why did you make me this shape? A potter can do whatever he likes with the clay!” Romans 9:20-21 (JB)

“Each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.” 1 Corinthians 7:17a (NIV)

3.

“To enjoy your work and to accept your lot in life — this is a gift from God. People who do this rarely look with sorrow on the past, for God has given them reasons for joy.” Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 (NLT)

“It is God who is at work within you — energizing and creating in you the power and desire to will and to work for his good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.” Philippians 2:13 (Amp)

4.

“Keep using the gift God gave you . . . let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire.” 2 Timothy 1:6 (NCV)

“God has given each of you special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s . . . blessings.” 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

WHAT HOLDS US BACK? _____

“I was afraid, so I hid the talent you gave me in the ground.” Matthew 25:25

WHY MUST I MAXIMIZE MY STRENGTHS?

“From where he sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person and now he watches everything we do.” Psalm 33:14-15 (Mes)

“Offer every part of your body to God to be used in doing good.” Romans 6:13b (NCV)