

Messy: Devotional – Week 5

Bubbles

Gifts and Talents

Devotion – 5-10 Minutes

(Gather Bubble Wands...different sizes 3 or 4)

Have you ever noticed that bubbles come in all sizes...and all shapes?

(You can use the different wands to blow bubbles)

Why do you think that some bubbles are larger than others?

(The correct answer will be that the larger wand produces a larger bubble)

That's correct, when we use a larger wand, we will get larger bubbles.

That's similar to what we touched briefly on last week when we were talking about GROWING.

Once we accept Jesus, we will start reading our Bibles more...we will start going to church more...AND we will start volunteering to serve more...our Faith and our Christian walk will begin to grow.

When we start serving in the church, we will start discovering that God has given each of us some pretty amazing talents...or we will find places to use the talents that we have already discovered.

A talent...or a gift...is something that you are good at...something that you enjoy...something that you LOVE to do!

And we should use those talents...or gifts to serve the Lord.

For instance...if you like to sing...God will use you.

If you like to work with puppets...God will use you.

If you like to draw...or paint...God will use you.

Not only will He use you...He will increase your joy and He will increase your talent.

Do you have a gift or talent?

What are you doing with it?

Believe it or not, God has given each of us a special talent or gift...often...more than one.

He created each of us uniquely and he has a plan for our lives.

If you don't know what your talent is, think about what comes really easy for you.

Think about what you absolutely love to do.

If you still can't figure out what your talent is...don't worry...God will reveal it to you in time.

In the meantime, just step out...get involved...and serve.

You may be surprised at what God reveals to you.

And when God reveals your talents to you...make sure that you use those talents for God's glory.

If God is not being glorified through us...through our talents...then we are not using God's talents correctly.

If you have a gift for singing...use that gift to glorify God...sing in the choir, sing at nursing homes, sing anywhere that you can bring glory to God.

If you can play a guitar...or a musical instrument...use it to glorify God.

If you are good at sports...use it to glorify God.

If you're good with tools...use it to glorify God.

Whatever talent God gives you...use it to glorify God.

We must work together and use these talents for God's glory.

When we use our talents for God, He will magnify them....

He will take them and He will make them bigger and bigger and bigger....just like our bubbles!

What are you doing with the talents you received from God?

1 Corinthians 12:14 says "For the body is not one member, but many."

God has given each of us a special gift. No matter how 'big' or 'small' you consider that gift to be, God expects us to use it. He wants us to use our talents for his glory and we will see God's mighty hand actively at work in our lives.

Don't waste your talents!

Sunday...Teach on Matthew 25:14-30; The Talents