

jan 14

it's hard to believe how long we have been at this now. it began with writing a few friends to let them know of my progress after my stroke. as i continued to talk about my faith and commitment during those communications, it evolved into a daily sharing about the Lord. i added the names in my address book and a few more that requested to be added.

there have been times when i felt that i was just talking to myself and even being a bother to some. it's often like that when you are just putting out and not hearing much feedback. at first there were a few that responded and that kept me encouraged and moving forward. as they settled into acceptance and subsided, i often began to question the efficacy of it all. i guess the enemy always stands ready to feed you doubt and anything that might discourage a person.

but there remain a friend i had and confided my thought to. their response to me was: "if you feel God is leading you to send them, keep it up. He has a plan." indeed He does. He always has a plan and it is always a master plan.

i do feel God is leading me in this matter. it is giving me something to do for His glory in this limited state and this limited environment i now inhabit. everyone has something to offer God. "but the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. and above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.' be hospitable to one another

without grumbling. as each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. if anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. if anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 pet 4:7-11

i say again, "everyone has something to offer God". it may be in the deeds we do or in the support we furnish or in the words we speak. do not bury your talent. do not waste your talent. some may be extraordinary while others seem mundane. i am reminded of akiane kramarik, an american painter and poet. she began drawing at the age of four. kramarik's best-known painting is prince of peace, which she completed at the age of eight. here is an old news clip interviewing her and her parents from 2012. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ealRd0XJUq0>

we may feel our talent is so much less, and indeed it may be. the fact is, nothing is insignificant to God. it may be just to influence one soul. how much does God value that one soul? so much, He was willing to suffer and more for it. how much can He grow from that one tiny seed that is planted. there is no limit to the multiplication of God. if we will just offer what we can to Him, He will lead us "in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." psa 23:3

isn't that where we all want to be; in His perfect will? perhaps not so for those who love the darkness, but we are not of those. even that tinge of guilt one

may be feeling; that may be an opening to the light.  
let the door open wider that all may be exposed. if we  
will expose ourselves, He will expose His self; to all  
that He is and all things He holds in His possession.  
it will be "joy unspeakable and full of glory". 1 pet  
1:8

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