

# **THE MASTERCRAFT: “FLAME YOUR GIFT INTO FIRE”**

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IN RECENT TIME GOD HAS BEEN DRAWING OUR ATTENTION A DIRECTION:

**May 03: “In The Beginning Was The Word”** reminding us that the Word of God has always been the driver of all achievements from the beginning. We must, therefore, ensure that things we engage in or do are things we are convinced we have prayed and gotten revelation to do (if we are not sure don't do it rather pray more for clarity).

**May 10: “The Seed In You”** reminding us that the Word of God in us is Seed and has the capacity to multiply us into many folds. If we want to be highly successful, therefore, we need to build knowledge of the Word of God.

“But the seed planted in the good earth represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams.” (Mark 4:20 msg)

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Grounded in the Word of God, it is time to flame our gift into fire.

What are gifts?

By virtue of knowledge of God's word, bible says, "God's Word is a lamp on our feet and light on our path". The person receives a light that shines through a path, revealing the direction the person should be going in life. Once you see that path, it does not matter what it is, that is your gift. The light brings intelligence, power, passion, glory and knowledge in that given path.

**"Flaming your gift into fire" means:**

- follow that path immediately;
- don't waver;
- stay focused on it and God will lead you to success and multiplication.

# VARIOUS GIFTS: (Spiritually, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

Really, no one should be pushed to doing anything; allow their gifts manifest

Professionally,

- the gift of talent or special skill to solve identified problem on earth or ability to discern (to be able to govern/lead people):

For example,

## 1. Exodus 31: 1-5

“Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “see, I have chosen Bezalel, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with knowledge, with understanding and with all kinds of skills — <sup>4</sup> to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, <sup>5</sup> to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. <sup>6</sup> Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you.” ... (***God gave Moses mandate and built skills around him!***)

## 2. 1 king 3:7-15

<sup>5</sup> The LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

“<sup>7</sup> “Solomon said, LORD my God, you have made your servant, Solomon, King in place of my father David. but I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup> So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup> so God said to him, “since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup> I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.



<sup>13</sup> Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—**both wealth and honor**—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among Kings. <sup>14</sup> and if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” <sup>15</sup> then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

(Through this dream, Solomon has gotten his Word (his path). His obedience will help him multiply his seed).

“Solomon returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. then he gave a feast for all his court.”

**From that moment, Solomon began to flame his gift into fire.**

1 King 3:16-28, the story of the two women who has babies, Solomon gave a verdict that left people in awe...

<sup>24</sup> then the King said, “bring me a sword.” so they brought a sword for the king. <sup>25</sup> he then gave an order: “cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other.”

<sup>26</sup> the woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the King, “please, my Lord, give her the living baby! don’t kill him!” but the other said, “neither I nor you shall have him. cut him in two!”

<sup>27</sup> then the King gave his ruling: **“give the living baby to the first woman. do not kill him; she is his mother.”**

<sup>28</sup> **when all Israel heard the verdict the King had given, they held the King in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.**

**Brethren**, we need to put our gift into action and if you don’t gift or don’t know your gift, get into prayer like Solomon did.

**Sometimes** God gives it automatically for specific work (like in Bezalel’s case) and on other occasions we have to ask for it like in Solomon’s. Either way, God gives it very freely.

## Scenarios:

**1. The task is truly much for one person:** If the work He assigns to you for which He has given you gift is too much for one person, God will equip others to help you. God appointed and equipped Oholiab to help Bezalel to complete the work He gave to Moses.

**2. We think the work is too much:** Unknown to us, God multiplies the capacity in us so that we can do beyond what we imagine we can.

### Example:

God took the Spirit on Moses and imparted it to 70 elders.

Numbers 11: <sup>14</sup> Moses said to God, I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. .. <sup>16</sup> the LORD said to Moses: “bring me 70 of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people.

Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.



<sup>17</sup> I will come down and speak with you there, and **I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them.** They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

### **3. Sometimes fear of terrane ahead keeps us too long at a place:**

In Deuteronomy 1

**6** God said to Moses at Horeb, “you have stayed long enough at this mountain.

**7** break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; ... **8 see, I have given you this land. go in and take possession of the land.”**

**2 Timothy 1:** “<sup>7</sup> God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (confidence).

**2 Timothy 1: 14** Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the holy Spirit who dwells in the us. **(Holy Spirit is the Seed in you).**

## **4. The work assigned is truly huge:**

**In Joshua 1:** God said to Joshua, “<sup>6</sup>be strong and courageous, for you shall give these people the inheritance of the land that I swore to their fathers.”

**Brethren**, that is the truth...

There are small work, medium work and exploits.

If we are not strong and courageous, we cannot do exploit for God.

“but the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” (Dan 11: 32)

### **Conclusion:**

Let’s “flame our gift into fire” without fear.

“<sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup> similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules.” (2 Tim 2:4-5)

**We should 1.) study the Word of God, 2.) stay connected with the Holy Spirit, 3.) flame out our gift, 4.) be strong and courageous and 5.) don’t fear.**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**