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Proverbs 19:21



**FIRST
UNION**



**God using my skills and
education and experience for his
purposes**

Innovative  **Outsourcing**
Limitless possibilities.

The Simple Truth

God gifts us for our roles at home and work.
If we do the roles and use the talents He
has given us

WE SHINE,

miss it and

WE ARE MISERABLE.

What the World is Doing

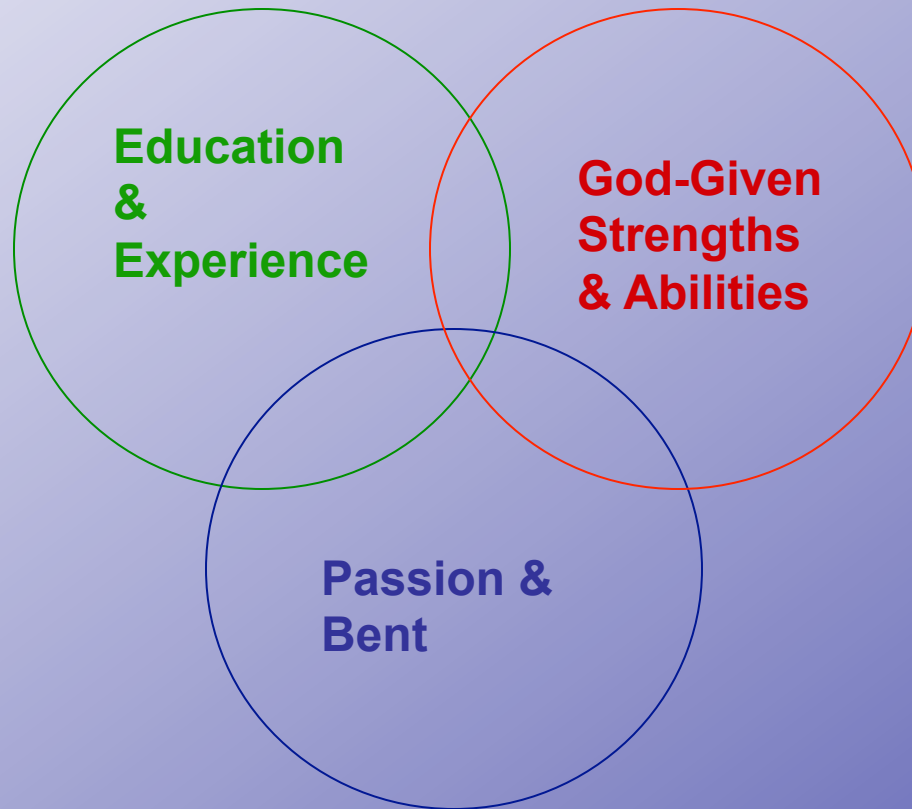
Workers were polled:

- 70% Were neither motivated, nor competent to perform their job
- 70% Go to work with no enthusiasm or passion
- 33% Regularly say, “I hate my job.”
- 66% Labor daily in the wrong career
- 1% Have done a serious study of skill

**Since your career consumes half
of your lifetime, shouldn't it
broadcast God?**

The best way to win others to Christ at work is to do what God has called you to with passion and with excellence. People will take notice and wonder what is different.

God's Design Defines Your Destiny



Determining your Sweet Spot

Education and experiences

- What have you done and enjoyed?
- What education have you had?
- What subjects have you always loved?

Determining your Sweet Spot

God-given strengths and abilities

- Repairing
- Creating
- Overseeing
- Writing
- Organizing

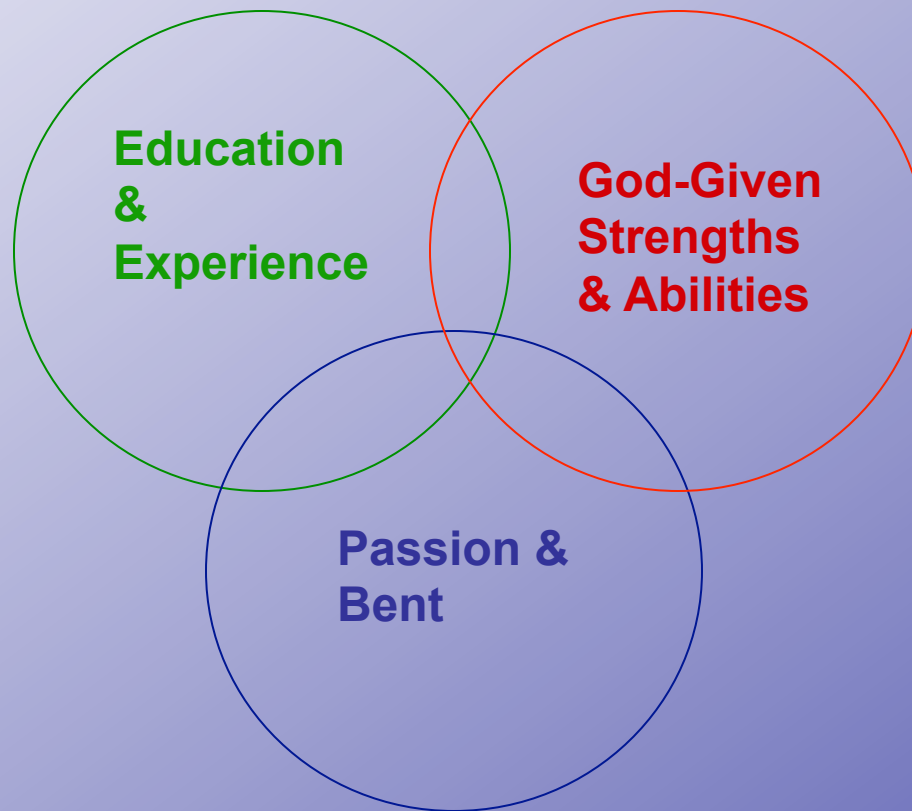
What things come so easily to you that you wonder why everybody can't do them?

Determining your Sweet Spot

God-given passion

- What energizes me? Being with a crowd of people or being alone?
- Am I a settler or a builder?
- Do I like routine or constant change?
- Do I like responding to a need or working from a list each day?
- Is there a topic that compels me?

Sweet Spot



Exercises to help determine Sweet Spot

- 3 pads of paper
- DISC, Strength Finder, Myers Briggs
- Ask others

Why do most people settle for less than working in their sweet spot?

1. Society tells us we can do whatever we want to do. Does God?
 - “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” *Philippians 4:13*

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2. Greed tells us what we should do.
Consider the popcorn vendor
 - "It is better to have little with fear of the Lord than to have great treasure with turmoil." *Proverbs 15:16*

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3. Thinking we are in charge

- “God, who makes everything work together will work you into his most excellent harmonies.” *Romans 12:5*

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4. No one taught us to find our sweet spot

- “Train up a child in the way he should go (and in keeping with his individual bent) and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

What fruit comes from working outside our sweet spot?

- Little satisfaction
- Little chance to allow God to shine in your life
- Confusion
- Misery
- Desire for 5:00 on Friday to come every day of the week

What is possible for those who find the sweet spot?

- God's approval.

Consider the builder, Bezalel.

“I have filled him with the spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, intelligence, and skill in all kinds of crafts. He is able to create beautiful objects from gold, silver and bronze. He is skilled in cutting and setting gemstones and in carving wood. Yes, he is a master at every craft.” Exodus 31:3-5

“When you do the most what you do the best you pop the pride buttons on the vest of God.” Max Lucado

What is possible for those who find the sweet spot?

- God's peace
 - “You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in You.” Isaiah 26:3

What is possible for those who find the sweet spot?

- Glorifying God
 - Remember “You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God.” 1 Peter 2:9
 - And do so every day of your life

What is possible for those who find the sweet spot?

- Winning others to Christ
 - Fruit will come when coworkers see a difference in your joy and contentment

Where do I go from here?

What do I do?

- Pray
- Don't Settle
- Research
- Make a plan to change over time

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