

Series:
Power Broker
Session Two:

“The Power of Proficiency”
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A. The American Way

B. Your Personal Experience

C. Evidence of the Problem

1. ____% of American workers say they are in the wrong position.
2. ____% of church attendees don't know what their spiritual gifts are.
3. ____% of corporate managers say they wouldn't return to their job.
4. ____% of high school students drop out before graduation.

D. Causes of the Problem

1. _____ educational tracks.
2. _____ job descriptions.
3. People who never have _____ themselves.
4. Authorities who don't _____ their role.

E. Personalizing the Problem

1. _____ did you come to be doing what you do now?
2. What have you _____ about yourself since you started in this field?
3. Knowing what you know now, are you sure it is the _____ place for you to be working in the future?

F. An Argument for the Power of Proficiency

1. We are all made in the _____ of God.
Ephesians 2:10
2. We are each _____ in comparison to one another.
Psalms 139:13-16
3. We are each _____ in terms of value.

4. We are each _____ in terms of our giftedness.
Romans 12:4-6a
5. We are each _____ in terms of our contribution.
I Corinthians 12:18-21

“God has given the gifts. There is no way in which a person who does not have a particular gift can develop it on his own. Human beings can only exercise the gifts God has originally given . . .”

Ralph Mattson

G. Obstacles to Empowerment Through Proficiency

1. People don't know their greatest _____, they are very aware of their greatest _____.
2. People are asked to be _____; job descriptions are assumed to be _____.
3. People choose a career based on the _____ issues; people leave a career because of _____ issues.
4. People _____ the gifts they don't have; people don't _____ the gifts they do have.
5. People are _____ to perform outside their natural giftedness; people aren't _____ within their natural giftedness.

H. An Admonition Regarding the Power of Proficiency

1. Discover your _____.
I Peter 4:10a
2. Work in the area of your _____.
I Peter 4:10b
3. Benefit others from your _____.
I Peter 4:10c
4. Recognize that God's grace is _____ through all gifts equally.
I Peter 4:10a
5. Perform your tasks in keeping with God's _____.

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