



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: service

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Disciples recognize and develop their God-given gifts, understanding they are an asset to bless others including people of different ethnicities and cultures.



Service is Blessing

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scripture

“At last the seven years of bumper crops throughout the land of Egypt came to an end. Then the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had predicted. The famine also struck all the surrounding countries, but throughout Egypt there was plenty of food. Eventually, however, the famine spread throughout the land of Egypt as well. And when the people cried out to Pharaoh for food, he told them, ‘Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you.’ So with severe famine everywhere, Joseph opened up the storehouses and distributed grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout the land of Egypt. And people from all around came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph because the famine was severe throughout the world.”

Genesis 41:53–57

“Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come close to me.’ When they had done so, he said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.’”

Genesis 45:4–8

discover

Florence Nightingale was an English social reformer, statistician, and the founder of modern nursing. She served as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War, where she organized care for wounded soldiers. She significantly reduced death rates by improving hygiene and living standards in the hospitals, using her God-given gifts to help those around her.

develop

In the passage that we read, Joseph was placed in a situation where God was able to use his gifts for the good of everyone around him. If you know his story, you also know that it wasn't an easy path to get there. But God had a plan for him all along and was guiding him through each step.

Like Joseph, Nightingale used the gifts she had been given in ways no one could have predicted at the time. You also have gifts, and—no matter what they are, if you invest them and follow God's plan, they can be used for His glory.

Your gifts are necessary to bless others, no matter their background, ethnicity, or culture. When you focus on the right things and listen to what God tells you, your gifts can be used in ways you never could have imagined to help the people He has placed around you.

deploy

What are some ways you can use the gifts God has given you in the places He has put you? Who around you can you bless? What is God calling you to do with your talents?

prayer

Pray that God will show you how to use your gifts in your current circumstances and for the benefit of the people around you. Ask Him to help you be faithful with what He has entrusted to you.