

## **SOP: Stewarding Gifts—Talents—Callings**

**John 1:16**

**For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.**

**I Corinthians 12:7-11**

**Romans 12:3-8**

**Ephesians 4:10-12**

### **Talents (Developed)**

- Can be inherited
- Come from first Adam—built into our creation design—natural endowment
- Formal education—on the job training—self learning
- Should be submitted to the Lord—set apart for
- People can have latent/undiscovered talents (Grandma Moses)
- People can have a conscious talent-know it exists and gives it some attention
- People can develop a talent until it becomes a strength
- Satan's aim: Rob through Apathy

### **Gifts (Entrusted-Received)**

- Humility precedes discovery—posture of dependence
- Must learn to hear the voice of the Lord—so gift can be directed
- Must recognize the difference between strength of soul and the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- It is God expressing/manifesting His life, will and fruit through our lives
- It is learning to carry the Presence of the Holy Spirit into every situation and His power conducts His will through us.
- It is the way that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven—through you—His gifts
- They need to be exercised
- II Peter 3:18
- Satan's aim: Rob through distraction

### **Calling (Aim/Distributed)**

- Made for a Purpose
- Where do I aim my time—energy—resources?
- God calls us to become who we were created to be—understand what we were created to do
- Are you an equipping gift?
- Do you need an equipping gift?
- Are you aware of your gifts—and —talents?
- Where does God intend for them to be employed?
- Understand times and seasons—levels of maturity (Jesus grew in wisdom and stature before He was deployed)
- Must develop ability to hear His voice—recognize/discern the needs of others—prepare yourself with His wisdom—apply yourself to develop ability to connect gifting with another's need
- What limitations are hindering your effectiveness?
- Satan's aim: Rob through comparison