

YOU ARE A PERSON OF UNIQUE ABILITY

*Seven Things God Wants You to Know
Pastor's Study Series*

Scripture: Exodus 4:10-13 NIV
Acts 7:22 NIV

Introduction

Our willingness to use the special abilities that God has given us is often linked to another person's ability to perform the same job. If they can do the job better, we will not expose our ability. If we can do it better, we may be willing to volunteer. What a terrible waste of God-given ability!

I. The sources of your unique abilities

- A. Your background gives you unique abilities
 1. Derived from your family
 2. Derived from your acquaintances and friends
 3. Derived from your racial and ethnic heritage
- B. Your personality gives you unique abilities
 1. You can communicate well with certain people
 2. You enjoy fellowship with certain people
 3. You influence certain people
- C. Your profession gives you unique abilities
 1. It places you in contact with a special group of people
 2. You understand the stresses and frustrations of those in your profession
 3. You can identify with those in your profession

II. The variety of unique abilities God desires to use

Person:	Occupation:	Negatives:
Moses	Crown Prince	Murderer
Joshua	Slave/soldier	
Rahab	Prostitute	
Gideon	Farmer	
Jephthah	Soldier	Prostitute's son
Samson	Nazarite	Morally weak
David	Shepherd	Murderer
Nehemiah	Royal Servant	
Peter	Fisherman	Denied Jesus
James	Fisherman	Hot Tempered
John	Fisherman	Hot Tempered
Matthew	Tax Collector	
Simon	Seditionist	
Luke	Physician	
Paul	Rabbi	Persecutor

III. Your unique abilities are part of God's plan to make you into a special servant of God

Acts 9:15 NIV But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.

- A. God planned Paul's background
- B. God planned Paul's education
- C. God planned Paul's personality
- D. God used his unique abilities to reach the world