

“Use hospitality (Gr. philoxenos; love of strangers or guests) to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold Grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 4:9-11 KJV



A violin has no ability of itself, but from violin maker Antonio Stradivarius to virtuoso Giuseppe Tartini, all abilities are God-given. Whatever particular skills or talent you may possess or acquire, God has enabled the very gene set necessary for you to be what you are! *“EVERY good gift and EVERY perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* Things not necessarily viewed as assets are nonetheless engineered by God for our benefit and His glory. *“ALL THINGS work together FOR good (even the evil things) to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His Purpose.”* I am wheelchair bound and while some may think it a disadvantage, I have more time to spend with God, although I still feel I have only scratched the surface of knowing God! Finite can neither comprehend nor quantify the infinite! Charles Spurgeon wrote: *“My Master has riches beyond the count of arithmetic, the measurement of reason, the dream of imagination, or the eloquence of words.”* God’s wealth and Power are unsearchable! *“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. ‘Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”* You may look, study, ponder, and weigh, but Jesus is a greater Saviour than you think Him to be when your thoughts are at the greatest. *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.”* My Lord is more ready to pardon than you are to sin, more able to forgive than you are to transgress. My Master is more willing to supply your wants than you are to ask them. *“Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him. [He] is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think”* Never tolerate low thoughts of the Lord Jesus. When you put the crown on His head, you will only crown Him with silver when He deserves gold.” Our best imaginative efforts only demean the Majesty of God! *“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His Judgments, and His Ways past finding out!”* There must be life before ability. There’s no ability in a coffin! Human life is at its worst is still dependent on God! The tyrant has no power and the pauper has no misery if they have no breath!

Though I may sing like nightingale,
And none my efforts ever fail,
I am at best the Master’s tool,
To think ought else, I am a fool! ~CGP

If you pride yourself in your achievements as though none or nothing enabled you, you align yourself with the evil that is Lucifer, for he boasted, *“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”* He forgot that his very beauty and being were the product of the Master’s hand. *“For by [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or*

principalities, or powers: all things were created BY HIM, and FOR HIM: And He is before all things, and by Him ALL things consist.” I worship evil if I worship self for “*I am (my body is) carnal, sold under sin. In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing. I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*” Every soul is born into condemnation and death! “*He that believeth not is condemned already.*” Obedience of God’s Word is the evidence of faith in God. Belief in God alone is not enough for “*even the devils BELIEVE and tremble.*” So I ask, are you an obedient believer?

“And he said unto me, ‘My Grace is sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the Power of Christ may rest upon me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV

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