

Turn Your Talent Loose

A man in charge of building a great cathedral was being pestered each day by an apprentice who wanted to design a window.

The boss didn't want to risk the waste of costly colored glass, but neither did he want to discourage the apprentice. He finally told the young man that he could create one small window, but he would have to provide his own material.

Each day, the apprentice used every spare moment, often staying on the job beyond the regular workday, to gather up bits of glass that had been discarded by the artisans who were creating the big windows.

Eventually, the apprentice put together a design of rare beauty. When the cathedral opened, everyone stopped to admire the window created by the apprentice.

Just like the apprentice, every person can create something to be admired, using his or her own bits of time, talent, and energy. Whatever it is, it can be good, beautiful, and of rare value.

Every person, you see, is unique, because God made us that way. He instilled within each one of us talents for the plans and purposes He created us to fulfill. Perhaps yours is still waiting to be discovered.

If so, no doubt it is eager to get out, to be exercised. Turning its creative power loose is the way apprentices become artisans.

– Beecher Hunter