

What a Scrubwoman Learned

A 38-year-old scrubwoman would go to the movies and sigh, “If only I had her looks.”

She would listen to a singer and moan, “If only I had her voice.”

Then one day, someone gave her a copy of the book, *The Magic of Believing*. After reading it, she stopped comparing herself with actresses and singers. She stopped crying about what she didn’t have and started concentrating on what she did have.

She took inventory of herself and remembered that in high school she had a reputation for being the funniest girl around. She began to turn her liabilities into assets.



During her lifetime and career, Phyllis Diller (1917 – 2012) made millions of dollars doing what she was gifted to do. She wasn’t good-looking and she had a scratchy voice, but she could make people laugh.

What about you? Have you been comparing yourself longingly with the looks and talents of someone else? Have you been wishing that you had the abilities of others – perhaps an associate in your office or in the skilled nursing facility – to attain similar achievements?

Then maybe it is time to do what Phyllis Diller did: Take an inventory of yourself and identify your gifts and how they may enable you to reach your dreams. No matter what your age, it is never too early or too late to take stock.

After all, God made each of us for a purpose. A self-examination can help discover and realize it.

– Beecher Hunter