



QA: Why Does God Give Talents If Not To Worship? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Why does God give us our various talents if we can't use them to worship Him?"

ANSWER: "Talents," or "abilities," are variously found in people, and should be used to serve God, when limited by His commands. But "worship" requires only the few "talents" that please God. What Talents Are Limited Or Not Permissible For Worship?

1. **Body:**

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)

This does not mean, however, that everything done by the body "glorifies God!"

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. (**1 Corinthians 6:18**)

Not everything a human body does is to "glorify God." It is true that, "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (**1 Corinthians 10:31**), but there is a separate assembling to "let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker" (**Psalms 95:6**). The New Testament ends by reminding us of this concept:

Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." (**Revelation 22:8-9**)

The spiritual attitude of a worshiper of God has always been humble enough to drive us to our physical knees, if possible.

2. **Musical Skills:** David was a skilled harpist (**1 Samuel 16:18**):

And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become

refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.
(**1 Samuel 16:23**)

David added his musical talent to God's worshipers:

Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy. (**1 Chronicles 15:16**)

However, these were referred to as "instruments of David" (**2 Chronicles 29:26-27**), and God placed a woe to those who:

... sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David. (**Amos 6:5**)

God does not, and did not, approve of any human talent being offered as "worship" to Him!

3. **Carving Skills:** Under Moses, God said:

"You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God." (**Leviticus 26:1**)

Not everything made by those with the talents to carve or engrave could be used in "worship" (bowing down to it) to God.

Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.
(**1 Corinthians 10:20-21**)

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