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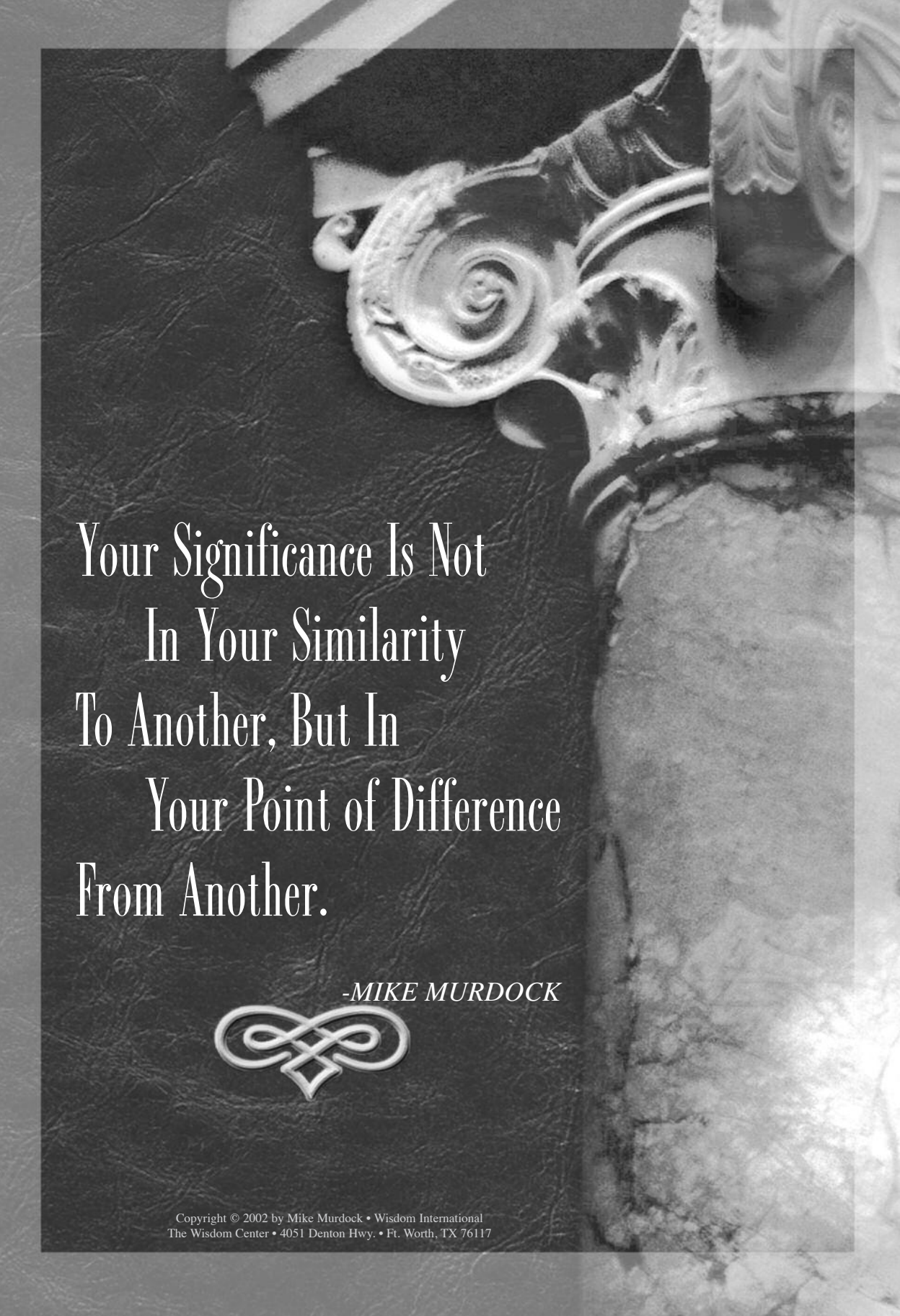
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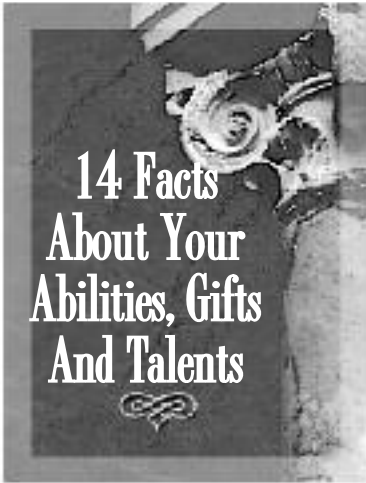
Your Significance Is Not
In Your Similarity
To Another, But In
Your Point of Difference
From Another.

-MIKE MURDOCK



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ABILITIES



Everyone Possesses Special Abilities.

Few recognize their *dominant* gift.

David recognized his dominant gift. He was more than a singer. He was more than a shepherd boy. He was a warrior and he knew it. That is why he recognized an opportunity for his gift to flourish when Goliath cursed his God.

Joseph knew his dominant gift. He was more than an interpreter of dreams. In fact, the Scriptures only document two or three occasions of it. His gift was uncommon compassion. That gift caused him to recog-

nize the countenances of the butler and the baker in the prison. Their unhappiness was the Golden Door to his ascent to the throne.

I love what my dear friend Sherman Owens always teaches: “Listen to *happy* voices for *encouragement*; listen to *unhappy* voices for *ideas*.”

The Apostle Paul knew his dominant gift. “I am called an apostle...” He was more than a thinker. He was more than a talker. His gift was to reveal the revelation of God.

1. Jesus Wanted Us To Recognize That God Gives Wonderful Gifts To Us. “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask Him?” (Matthew 7:11).

2. The Holy Spirit Gives You All The Gifts, Talents And Abilities You Possess. “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit,” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

3. The Holy Spirit Gives Different Gifts To Us, Relative To Our Assignment On Earth. “But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one

body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ,” (1 Corinthians 12:11-12).

4. Your Gifts Were Given To Help Men of God Fulfill Their Instructions And Visions From God. “Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put Wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded. And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put Wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it,” (Exodus 36:1-2).

5. Your Gift Was Imparted To You To Solve Problems For Those Closest To You. “Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it,” (Proverbs 3:27).

6. When Your Dominant Gift Becomes Your Seed In The Lives of Others, God Guarantees To Generously Compensate You. “Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free,” (Ephesians 6:8).

7. Few Ever Recognize Their Dominant Gift. This explains why millions live life unrewarded for the gift they contain. Nothing is more tormenting than living life uncelebrated for the difference within you.

8. Obsession With Your Flaws Will Often Blind You To Your Dominant Gift. We study ourselves. As we stand before a mirror each morning, we rehearse the qualities that discourage us the most. It is a costly exercise.

Marilyn Hickey, my longtime friend, shared an interesting experience. She had just returned from China. When I finished speaking at their church in Denver, Colorado, she leaned over and told me this story. China has the greatest ping-pong players on earth. So, she asked the master Mentors of their champions how they handled the weaknesses of their protégés. They explained that they *ignore* them, choosing rather to spend all of their teaching time on developing their *dominant* trait or gift to its highest level possible. They explained that if the dominant strength of a player received total focus, it would compensate for any weakness elsewhere in their form.

9. Your Dominant Gift Will Operate Well In A Hostile Environment. A brilliant young boxer said the other day, “The greater the challenge, the more energy arises within me.” A house

painter may receive \$15 an hour, but if you bring him 50 floors high on a skyscraper, his income will multiply. An adversarial atmosphere will always magnify the rewards possible through your gift. Stop thinking your gift cannot be used because of a climate of hostility around you. It will magnify the reward of it like David was rewarded for killing Goliath.

10. The Focus of Others Often Distorts Our Personal Awareness of Our Dominant Gift. Our families and relatives may study our flaws from childbirth. Our weakness becomes their focus. Unfortunately, we adapt to it. We start looking at the thing they despise.

11. Admiration of Others With Different Gifts Often Blinds Us Toward Our Own Dominant Gift. It happened with me as a young boy. Everyone honored my father. My mother continuously expressed her respect and admiration. Daddy was quiet while I was growing up. Seven of us kids remember a very quiet, non-talkative father at the table. So, since he was the idol of those I loved, he became my idol. I wanted to be like Daddy. Well, my personality was quite different. I talked a lot. In fact, I made very low grades in conduct in school throughout my 12 years!

But, it appeared that quietness was magnetic. Everyone loved a quiet person, it seemed. So, I wrote Scriptures out on 3 x 5 index cards, emphasizing the importance of silence. "Set a watch before my mouth..." "Study to be quiet..." Every time I felt the urge to talk in a group of people, I pulled my cards out. I read them feverishly and intensely. I wanted to be a "quiet person" more than anything else I knew.

It became more than I could bear.

Finally, I screamed out to my mother, "Mother, I have got to talk!"

She suggested something nobody else had ever thought about. "Son, maybe there is a gift involved. Now, we have got to pray and ask the Lord to give you something to say that folks would not mind listening to." That birthed my obsession for substance and essence in every conversation.

12. Your Gift Will Be Removed From You Unless You Use It. "Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents...cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," (Matthew 25:28, 30).

13. What You Would Love To Do Most Every Day of Your Life Is A Clue To Your Dominant Gift. If money were not involved,

if convenience were not the consideration, what would you attempt to do with your life?

Here is a little test: If every human on earth were only permitted to receive \$10 per hour for working (taxicab driver or the President of the United States), what would you want to do every day for the rest of your life?

14. Your Significance Is Not In Your Similarity To Another But In Your Point of Difference From Another. You did not marry your husband because he reminded you of a previous boyfriend. He was *unlike* your old boyfriend. You do not attend your local church because it reminds you of one across town. It is *unlike* the one across town.

Celebrate Your Difference. It is wonderful to learn from others. Implement their knowledge and skills.

Uncommon Men Are Simply Common Men Who Have Recognized Their Uncommon Gift.

Recognition of Your Dominant Gift Can Move You From Obscurity To Significance In A Day.

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