

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Potential

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I. What It Is It Made Of

A. Gifts and Skills

1. Natural gifting (Rom 12:6 NLT)
2. Developed skills

B. Opportunity

1. Right place
2. Right time

C. Desire/Passion/Drive

1. Willing to do what is offered (reactive)
2. Wanting to do a thing (proactive)

II. What Hinders Positive Potential?

A. Temptation/Distraction

1. Drawn away by our own desires (James 1:12-15)
2. Habits of failure (Eph 4:17-24)

B. Self-Doubt/Preference

1. "I can't do that" (Judges 6:14-16)
2. "I won't do that" (Jonah 1:1-3, Esther 4:13-14)

C. Our own plans (Matt 16:24-26)

1. We want security and comfort
2. God can give us new desires (Psalm 37:3-4)

III. What Does It Look Like When We Succeed?

A. God gives us opportunities. He has plans. (Jer 29:10-14)

1. He has a future for us.
2. He has a plan for us.
3. He has a place for us.

B. The opportunities we have bear fruit and He is glorified (1 Peter 4:7-11)

1. People hear about God
2. People see our example and our drawn to God
3. We are given confidence