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Identifying our Genius

Albert Einstein wrote, “Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

Matthew Kelly doubles down on Einstein's quote using a different approach. He believes that we are all capable of doing one thing better than any other person alive at this time in history. We just have to avoid trying to climb a tree if we don't possess those skills, regardless of what society's narrative may try to say that we should do. We must not judge ourselves by all the wrong criteria.

Here is a brief list to jump start our reflections to finding OUR genius:

- Love your spouse.
- Raise your children.
- Be a Kindergarten teacher.
- Serve your community.
- Volunteer.

These are not listed to suggest that if we have a talent in sports, in art, in leadership, etc., that we should not pursue those talents. Quite the opposite in fact. If we possess those talents, we should use those to impact the greater good of those we are with in those settings.

We must not abandon our genius because it is not spectacular enough or because our family and friends wanted something different for us. Most times, our genius is beautifully simplistic!

So, how do we know if we are living in our “genius”?

1. Do we have a particular genetic ability or God-given talent?
2. Are our physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs wrapping around those talents?
3. Does our energy level always rises to the necessary level when we are doing the above?

What ARE our unique talents and are we fueling them through our words, actions, and behaviors?

The answer leads us to OUR genius!