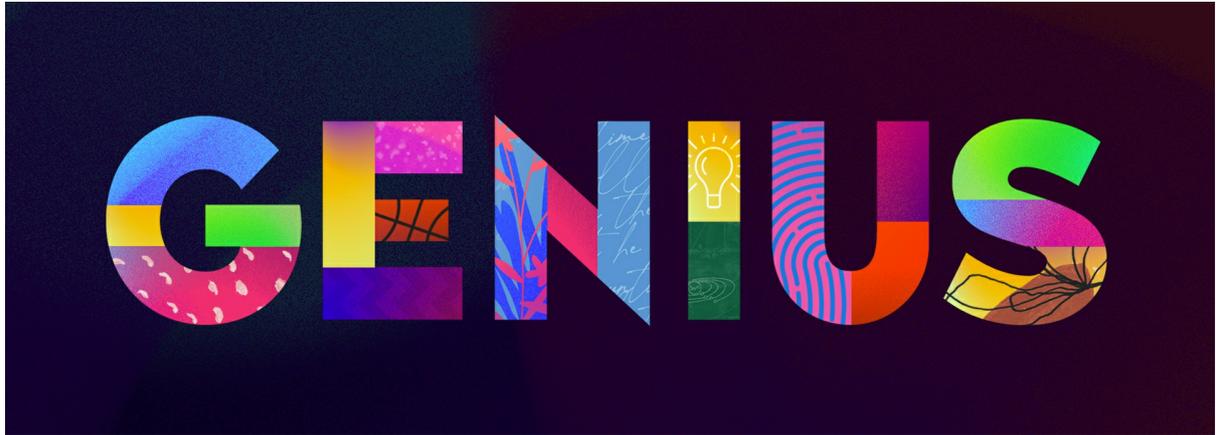


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“Everybody is a GENIUS. But if you judge a FISH by its ability to CLIMB A TREE, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

—Albert Einstein

The “Genius” Venn Diagram:

Gifts - what you do best

Passions - what you love most

History - where you’ve been

Personality - how you are wired

The center, where each of these intersect, is where you find your Genius!

There never has been and never will be anyone like you. That’s not a testament to you, it’s a testament to the God who created you.

“There is always ONE MOMENT in CHILDHOOD, when the door opens and LETS THE FUTURE IN.”

—Graham Greene

“Joseph DREAMED a dream, and he TOLD IT to his brothers and they HATED HIM even more.”

—Genesis 37:5

“BUT the Lord was WITH JOSEPH and GRANTED HIM FAVOR with the prison warden.”

—Genesis 39:21

FAVOR is the I FACTOR.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE is the X FACTOR

“Emotional Intelligence is a wonderful adjunct faculty to the gifts of the Spirit.”

—Archbishop of Canterbury

“And it came to pass, the cupbearer and baker offended their master, the king of Egypt. Pharaoh became angry with these two officials, and he put them in the prison where Joseph was.”

—Genesis 40:1

“The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them. Each of the two men had a DREAM the same night, and each DREAM had a meaning of its own. When Joseph saw them the next morning, he

NOTICED that they both looked DEPRESSED.”

—[Genesis 40:4-6](#)

A common denominator among successful leaders: first-class noticers! -Geeks & Geezers by Warren Bennis and Robert Thomas

What makes us think we can BECOME LIKE JESUS without being tempted by the devil, criticized by Pharisees, betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, mocked by the mob, or crucified by Roman soldiers?

“You intended to harm me, BUT GOD intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

—[Genesis 50:20](#)

1. *Don't play the victim when things go bad.*
2. *Don't play God when things go good.*
3. *Don't use suffering as an EXCUSE, use it as MOTIVATION.*
4. *Don't lose faith in the end of the story.*
5. *Cultivate a GROWTH MINDSET.*
6. *Give God the sacrifice of praise.*
7. *This too shall pass.*

“Our momentary suffering is not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us.”

—[Romans 8:18](#)