

THIS IS YOUR TIME!



My theory is that everybody is good at something and that the key both to achievement and satisfaction is in knowing what that "something" is, developing it to a maximal degree and using it.

One young family I know has a daughter who is casting about to decide what she wants to do when she grows up. As with most seven-year-olds, she sees the world as her domain to conquer. She has ruled nothing out as yet. You have to admire that kind of optimism — and pray that nothing wrings it out of her.

With grown-ups, we somehow believe time is running out for us. Wrong mindset! So how do you find your strengths? Begin with prayer - then take out four sheets of paper and use these headings: (1) things that are easy for me, (2) things people tell me I do well, (3) things that make me lose track of time and (4) things that are fun and fulfilling for me. Now circle the thing(s) that appear on all four lists. You've probably discovered your strength(s).

Conventional wisdom may tell you to find your areas of greatest weakness and shore them up. Does that really make sense? It seems far wiser to explore your aptitudes, passions and talents. Focus and develop your energies there. Become

really, really good at something you enjoy. You will find tremendous satisfaction in generating excellence in your field. And the great likelihood is that people will reward you for it.

"A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God" (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

Your attitude today will make all the difference in everything that matters.