



## Discovering Moments that can heal your Heart!

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### Genius Moments

- A spiritual/mental infused moment that is received.
- Matthew 16:13-20

### Genius

- "Multiple Intelligence" is a new-ish theory in the field of psychology. The theory suggests there are nine types of intelligence — not all of which can be measured on standard IQ tests.
- Dr. Howard Gardner, a leading psychologist at Harvard, first put forward the theory in 1983. He believes everyone falls under one or more of these nine categories to some degree.
  - Linguistic (writers, speakers)
  - Mathematical (scientists, financial planners)
  - Naturalistic (farmers, botanists)
  - Visual/spatial (artists, dancers)
  - Musical (composers, musicians)
  - Physical (athletes)
  - Interpersonal (lawyers, politicians, psychiatrists)
  - Intrapersonal (psychics, religious leaders, philosophers)
  - Emotional (actors)

### Definition: GE'NIUS, noun [Latin from the root of gigno; Gr. to beget.]

1. Among the ancients, a good or evil spirit or demon supposed to preside over a man's destiny in life, that is, to direct his birth and actions and be his guard and guide; a tutelary deity; the ruling and protecting power of men, places or things. This seems to be merely a personification or deification of the particular structure or bent of mind which a man receives from nature, which is the primary signification of the word.

2. The peculiar structure of mind which is given by nature to an individual, or that disposition or bent of mind which is peculiar to every man, and which qualifies him for a particular employment; a particular natural talent or aptitude of mind for a particular study or course of life; as a genius for history, for poetry or painting.

3. Strength of mind; uncommon powers of intellect, particularly the power of invention. In this sense we say, Homer was a man of genius. Hence,

4. A man endowed with uncommon vigor of mind; a man of superior intellectual faculties. Shakespeare was a rare-genius.

## Genius

plural usually geniuses

a: a single strongly marked capacity or aptitude

b: extraordinary intellectual power especially as manifested in creative activity

c: a person endowed with extraordinary mental superiority especially : a person with a very high IQ

a: plural genii : an attendant spirit of a person or place

b: plural usually genii : a person who influences another for good or bad

Adjective : showing or suggesting great cleverness, skill, or originality : BRILLIANT

## The spiritual Origins of Genius

Today, the word genius tends to carry cerebral connotations, rather than spiritual ones, but the word has its origin in ancient Roman religion, in which the genius (from Latin *gignere*, “to beget”) was originally a spirit who gave continuity to a family or clan over generations, and later the attendant spirit of a person or place. When genius first made its home in the English language in the 14th century it carried this “attendant spirit” meaning. Over time, the word developed the extended sense of “an identifying character or spirit,” a meaning inspired by the fact that part of a genius’s role was to protect a person’s moral character. Later genius came to refer to both remarkable talent or intelligence, and to someone who has such—genius developments.

## Genius Moments

### Genesis 6:13-18 New Living Translation

13 So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth! 14 **Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior.** 15 **Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.** 16 **Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.** 17 “Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. 18 But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives.

### Matthew 16:13-20 New International Version

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and

**blood, but by my Father in heaven.** 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

- Provides ideas of making life better; not easier but better
- Replaces hurt with healing (love, faith, hope, purpose, commitment)
- Builds confidence in the relationship with you and God
- Could be happening to someone near you; PAY ATTENTION!

### God will make a way through your Genius Moment

#### Isaiah 43:16 Easy-to-Read Version

The Lord is making roads through the sea. He is making a path for his people, even through rough waters. The Lord says,

#### 1 Corinthians 10:13 The Message

No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.