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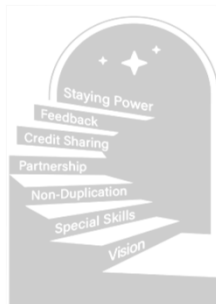
YOUR FUTURE, YOUR WAY!

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WELCOME

Hello I'm Lauren Speeth of Elfenworks Productions & Elfenworks Foundation

- Technologist, Educational Media Specialist, Author & Social Entrepreneur
- PhD in Innovative Urban Leadership
- Shared these 7 Principles in Australia, China, India, Jordan, New Zealand, Ukraine, Zambia...
- Successfully applied them for 20 years



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LAST CLASS ASSIGNMENTS



- Write at least 5 "I Will" Statements and 5 "I AM" statements
- State one long-term vision for yourself with a few of the major steps needed to achieve it. What is one little step you can do today to start? Do it!
- State a few steps you can take today to get to one or more "I WILL" statements. Do them.

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SEVEN KEY AREAS ONE PER SESSION

~NEXT UP: 2. SPECIAL SKILLS~

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Why Nurture Your Special Skills? Because...

“A PERSON'S GIFTS MAKE ROOM FOR THEM
& BRING THEM BEFORE GREAT PEOPLE.”

— Proverbs 18:16



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SPECIAL SKILLS GIVE YOU AN EDGE

What Are My Talents and Affinities

- What do I talk about a lot?
- What do others see in me?
- Where are my grades best?
- What do I love doing?
- What calls me?

How Can I Cultivate These?

- Study habits & practice
- 10,000 hours



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SOME EXAMPLES ON CONTINENT

NAME/LOCATION	SPECIAL SKILLS	OUTCOME
William Kamkwamba (Malawi)	Visualized solution. Loved science. Read books. Handy with tools.	At 14, built a turbine of scrap metal and bicycle parts to bring water to his village
Lekau Sehoana (S. Africa)	Learned to make/repair from scraps. Affinity for hip-hop & footwear	Founded Drip Footwear (sneaker brand and numerous retail stores)
Chido Govera (Zimbabwe)	Skilled with basic mushroom farming since age 11 (young orphan with younger siblings).	Founded Future of Hope (mushroom farming equips orphans, orphanages)
Mabel Suglo (Ghana)	Empathy. Entrepreneurial spirit	Founded Eco-Shoes Project the physically challenged make upcycled shoes
Vanessa Zommi (Cameroon)	Research. Chemistry / science	At 17, Founded Emerald Moringa Tea to help lower blood sugar

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SOME EXAMPLES IN ZAMBIA

NAME/LOCATION	SPECIAL SKILLS	OUTCOME
Sylva Banda (Zambia)	Culinary arts. Entrepreneurship	Sylva Food Solutions - Multimillion dollar business and 15 restaurants, trained 60,000 farmers in all 10 provinces - more -
Lulu Wood (Zambia)	Music. Media. Communications. Started singing in church age 4	Media /online presence , founded #WeKeepMoving
Zindaba Hanzala Zulu (Zambia)	Knowledge of home gardening & community farming.	Miss Zambia 2010. Founder of Mulimi (sustainable agriculture)
Jolomi Gbenedichie	Education	Founded "The Leadership Farm"
YOU		

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EVERYONE'S MIX IS DIFFERENT

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“A stick which is far away cannot kill a snake.” – *East African Proverb*

WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO EACH OF US

Roman 12:6-8

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HONE YOUR SKILLS.
LEAD THE FUTURE.

The world needs your light.
Now more than ever.

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Q & A

discussion session

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ASSIGNMENTS

- List your skills, talents, and affinities (what you love doing)
- Look over your long-term vision from last week. What skills are needed to get to the end goal? Do you have them? List long-term steps to get them. What minor step can you take today, to start? Do it!
