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IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO STEP INTO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED?

Unless you have been in a cave the last few years, you should by now realize things are changing rapidly in this secular world. In a short sentence, we are rapidly approaching the return of the Lord. I've written and spoken about that a great deal. The current state of affairs of the international world, the flailing economies of the western nations, and the gross fumbling and deception apparent among government leaders should be enough to get your attention! If not, maybe it's time to start praying for God to open your eyes. And so, the question in red above is especially pertinent for each believer in Jesus Christ.

Wait a minute, you might say. What calling? Here's the scoop – God has designed people for specific purposes and he has called and gifted them to these purposes. Look at these scriptures:

“...each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that...” – 1 Corinthians 7:7 (NIV)

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” – Romans 12:6 (NIV)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” – 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Beyond all these is Ephesians 2:10 (NIV), which says that “we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

All of those quotes of course apply to believers in Jesus Christ.

Think for a minute how many people you know who go to work every day living a life that they just get through, that they don't particularly enjoy. They are working to get money to live. I would say they are not living and working in the specific calling God has for them. Whenever anyone finally gets in the position of working in their calling, everything suddenly turns around. They are no longer struggling. It's not drudgery, it's a joy. They are enthusiastic. Now, I'm not talking only about people working as preachers or healers or teachers. I'm referring to whatever people have been called to do. That might involve working in some sort of business job, craft, or profession.

The great weakness of so many businesses, churches, and organizations is that often people filling positions were not called by God for those positions. So the people are not appropriate for the positions. They are set up not to do well.

Many years ago, before God called me out of the business world, I was working in a large corporation and doing well there. Some aspects I really enjoyed, such as those that required conceptual and strategic skills, speaking, writing, and travel to other nations. But there were other aspects I had no interest in. Now that I am living in God's call I can see why I liked some of those things in the business world – conceptual areas, strategic areas, speaking, writing – all that fits with my call, and I use those skills all the time. How does a person find the area God has designed him or her for? First, seek God! He says you will find him when you

seek him with all your heart. So do it. This of course requires you to be serious about God! Your relationship with God cannot be simply one of going once a week to sit through an hour program. Have you been born again, born of water and the spirit? Are you like a little child in your relationship with Jesus? In other words, do you have absolute faith? Open to whatever and wherever God leads?

God can lead you by words, by circumstances, through other people, through events. All those things. And he does. Philippians 2:13 (NIV) says “it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”

If you once heard God call you to some role or activity and you haven't yet followed up on that, ask him if he still wants you to do so. Reconsider. Better late than never. I know personally I really come alive when I teach and preach the gospel, talk about Jesus and his imminent return, introduce people to the Holy Spirit in power and person, minister the healing of God right before their eyes, show them the Bible is true and that miracles and such are for right now in our day. I am doing what he called me to do.

Jesus is returning very, very soon. Look at all that is happening around you! You want to be operating in your call, in what he intended for you to be doing. God is a gentleman. He likely will not force you to take up your call. But if you do, you will suddenly find peace, release from internal pressure and drudgery, joy, and a realization that you are doing what you were intended to do.

I know that it's all challenging, but it's all true. Lots for you to think about here. Always, always keep your eyes on Jesus. And pray in the spirit on all occasions. God is spirit, and he must be worshipped in spirit.

May you live in the blessings of God all your life.

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A REQUEST:

At this time of year – the middle of a very hot summer - many people seem to forget to contribute to ministries. Please realize that all our expenses continue daily. We are very grateful to all those that make this ministry possible through your contributions and ask everyone receiving this newsletter prayerfully to consider what you might do to help.

A GREAT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Recently we received an offer to broadcast our ministry television program weekly on a Christian television network which would reach a majority of American households. What an opportunity to share the great truths God has shown us to so many people! This will require a large amount of funds we currently do not have. Please join us in praying for God's abundant provision and guidance regarding this grand opportunity.

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