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Go and make disciples!

E-votional 45

Assignments

1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV),

“Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.”

The Lord has plans in every position of life ready for those who are willing to accept them. Some plans may be similar in nature while others may seem so peculiar that they are almost unrecognizable to the naked eye. Nevertheless, God has assigned it. For by Christ you were called and through Him received an assignment.

I am reminded briefly of Esther and the phrase we all know from Mordecai when he spoke to Esther about her assignment and position in life in Esther 4:14, *“And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”*

Likewise, who knows whether or not you were called to where you are right now for such a time as this. Praise God!

This passage today speaks about humbly accepting the assignment God has given you in life. The experience of determining what that might be is often different for different individuals as God does not have the same plan and assignment for each person. The Christian walk is not summed up by how many groups one attends or does not attend or how many conferences one goes to. Don't get me wrong these are all good things but not always the identity of the very assignment itself. Rather it is as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 7:17 (ESV), *“Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him.”*

One example I have of my own life is that of my full-time employment. I honestly struggled very much trying to accept that this was God's assignment for me at the present time. I was eagerly looking for a full-time position in ministry and here I was working a full-time job.

Well, in the grand scheme of everything and in God's sight they were one and the same thing. I say this because I have learned to realize that for my assignment, the full-time ministry was not a destination but an attitude and a lifestyle. Therefore, my full-time job was a mission field or a vehicle to spread the Gospel which in turn made me a full-time minister. Very simply, what I am saying is that full-time ministry is not about certain days of the week but about a way that we carry ourselves every day and in the place the Lord has brought us to.

What has the Lord assigned to you? Where has He positioned you?

The word ministry bears in itself what I am trying to disclose here. Look to Strong's definition here,

“1248 *diakonía* – ministry; active service, done with a willing (voluntary) attitude. See 1249 (*diakonos*), taken from <https://biblehub.com/greek/1248.htm>”

In short, a full-time minister is one who participates in active service with a willing heart. Of course, this is done by the power of the Holy Spirit who is to lead and guide us in this service to which we are assigned.

There are many positions and assignments in life that God uses to advance His Kingdom through His willing servants. The Lord has strategically placed people in various positions in life to His glory. You may be in one right now.

For this reason, we should look only to God to determine this position and not base this off of what others are doing or not doing. In like manner, we should never seek to imitate another's godly assignment. However, we should always seek to imitate godly behavior as Paul mentioned here, “*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.* (1Corinthians 11:1)”

Too often we can look at each other and say, “*well I am not doing what brother or sister so and so are doing, I must not be doing God's will.*” The temptation is there for all of us to try and compare ourselves with each other. However, this can only lead to disaster. We must resolve within ourselves to keep in step with the Spirit of God and follow Christ alone.

On the opposite side as well, another can at times look to you and think, “*well, they are not doing what I am doing, so they must not be doing God's will.*” Again, this can only lead to division and disaster. The truth is that each of us has a special assignment in God's Kingdom, instead of being divisive we should seek discernment for ourselves as well as for others. We all have different burdens to carry. It may be that while we are saying that so and so is not in the will of God that they are in fact in the will of God. The correct response should be to discern

that this may be of God and to love and share in that burden that the other is carrying. In this way, we fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2-5 (ESV),

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

This passage here also refers to one who is burdened with a transgression and how we are to respond to them. But the main point for this teaching is tying the link between godly assignments and burdens. Sometimes the very assignments we have are crosses we bear. For this reason, discernment is necessary so we can help our brothers and sisters to fulfill the assignment on their life rather than criticize and tear down. With Esther's assignment in mind, I am sure this was not an easy task for her but she had the encouragement of Mordecai to assist her. Likewise, we too should seek to know and also to encourage the unique callings and assignments of God on our brothers and sister's lives.

There is a reason you are where you are and will be where you will be. God has a purpose for you in the very position He has placed you in.

We pray that as you go along in your week this week that you would grow to appreciate the uniqueness of who you are specifically in Christ and where He has placed you. This placement can change as we know that nothing lasts forever, but who you are and what you are never change.

Lord, help us to realize the assignment You have given us and to stop measuring and comparing ourselves with what others are doing or not doing. Along this line of thought teach us also to accept the uniqueness of those who are not necessarily doing what we are called to do and to come alongside them in love to encourage them on their journey with You. Help us to realize that we are all part of the same body and each part does its share. Thank You so much for Your faithfulness in keeping us and guarding us for the day of redemption, in Jesus name. Amen.

In Christ's Love,
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