

## How to Find Your Place - Notes

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**Notes: How to Find Your Place** –from Derek Prince’s message. **God saved you to fulfill a Plan He conceived in eternity. Discover the steps that will take you into God’s Plan!**

1. If you are saved, you are called. *2 Timothy 1:9 He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.*
  - a. We are each called by God’s Spirit to come to the truth of Christ in faith and love. *Ephesians 3:16-19 I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in the inner man through His Spirit, and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height, and depth of God’s love, and to know the Messiah’s love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*
  - b. Your calling is holy – delivered to you through God’s Son Jesus Christ
    - Consecrated by God to live for His purpose. - *Romans 6:13 And do not offer any parts of it to sin as weapons for unrighteousness. But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness.*
    - We are blessed as we learn to Trust in God. *Jeremiah 17:7-8 The man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence indeed is the Lord, is blessed. He will be like a tree planted by water:*
      - *it sends its roots out toward a stream,*
      - *it doesn’t fear when heat comes,*
      - *and its foliage remains green.*
      - *It will not worry in a year of drought,*
      - *or cease producing fruit.*
  - God’s calling is sacred because of God’s grace and kindness towards us. *2 Timothy 1:10 This has now been made evident through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*
- c. God’s Plan for you is from eternity. *Ephesians 3:11-12 This is according to His eternal purpose accomplished in the Messiah, Jesus our Lord. In Him we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.*
- d. God’s Grace begins where human ability ends. If you can do it in your own power, why should God give us HIS grace and power, if we don’t need it? *2 Corinthians 12:9 But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me.*

2. You were saved and formed for specific good works that were prepared beforehand for you. You are worth what God was willing to pay for you and God paid for you through the crucifixion and death of His Only Son, Jesus Christ. ***Ephesians 2:8-10 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift - not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.***
3. God's Word is a mirror to reflect our transformation into the image of Jesus Christ. ***2 Corinthians 3:18 We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.***
4. Our response to God's Calling is to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God's will and purpose. ***Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.***
  - a. Step 1 Follow Christ and present your body as a Living Sacrifice on to the alter of the Living God. ***Hebrews 9:14 How much more will the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God?***
  - b. Step 2. Glorify God through the surrender of your body. ***1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.***
  - c. Step 3. When your mind is renewed, you can focus on glorifying God instead of pleasing your own mind and human goals. It is in the power of God and by His Loving grace and kindness towards us that our minds are renewed. ***Romans 8:6-8 For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind-set of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit itself to God's law, for it is unable to do so. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*** When our mind is renewed, we can then discover God's progressive, perfect, and pre-planned God's will for our life. ***Revelation 4:11 Our Lord and God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things, and because of Your will they exist and were created.***
  - d. Step 4. Have a humble, sober, and realistic attitude about your measure of faith. ***Romans 12:3-8 For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts:***

- 1) *If prophecy, use it according to the standard of one's faith;*
- 2) *if service, in service;*
- 3) *if teaching, in teaching;*
- 4) *if exhorting, in exhortation;*
- 5) *giving, with generosity;*
- 6) *leading, with diligence;*
- 7) *showing mercy, with cheerfulness.*

- e. Step 5. Discover your appointed place and function in the body. *1 Corinthians 12:12-27 For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. So the body is not one part but many. If the foot should say, “Because I’m not a hand, I don’t belong to the body,” in spite of this it still belongs to the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I’m not an eye, I don’t belong to the body,” in spite of this it still belongs to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed each one of the parts in one body just as He wanted. 19 And if they were all the same part, where would the body be? 20 Now there are many parts, yet one body. So the eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” Or again, the head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” But even more, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are necessary. And those parts of the body that we think to be less honorable, we clothe these with greater honor, and our unpresentable parts have a better presentation. But our presentable parts have no need of clothing. Instead, God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the less honorable, so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other. So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.*
- f. Step 6. God will equip you with the gifts needed – according to HIS plan. *1 Peter 4:10-11 Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God’s words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.*
- g. Step 7. When you find God’s place for you and begin to exercise your God-given function, you will find that God has given you the gifts and purpose the God designed for you. *1 Corinthians 12:4-6 Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God activates each gift in each person.*