

What Is Your Calling?

Scripture

“Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: [As for me], I [had] in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou [hast been] a man of war, and hast shed blood. Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah [to be] the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make [me] king over all Israel: And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him [to be] my son, and I will be his father.” (1Ch 28:2-6 AV)

Devotion

David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). However, he discovered that he was not fit to complete the task of building God's temple for he was a man of war. This did not mean that God thought any less of David, “Because David did [that which was] right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any [thing] that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite” (1Ki 15:5 AV).

The Body is comprised of many members each having a function (Rom. 12:4). While some people can walk on their hands, this is not really a practical way to get around. Feet are the best tool for that job. However, we often see a few people doing all the work. Unfortunately, overwork tends to make joyful service turn into drudgery. Eventually, this makes the servant of God less effective, and often unavailable for the work to which he was called.

There are several solutions to the problem, but I want to focus on those about which you can do something. For those of you doing the handstands, stop killing yourself and trust God to raise up laborers. Jesus said pray for laborers did He not (Matt. 9:37-38)? He could have said, “Buck-Up boys you have a lot to do and no one to help,” but He didn't. If you continue to do the work of others, they will not be challenged to service and you will likely begin to resent them like Martha did Mary (Luke 10:40-41).

Also, you gymnasts need to check your motives. Doing handstands is sometimes a way of showing off. If you find yourself feeding on the praises of men, you might want to start doing in secret jobs to see if you are still motivated to work yourself to exhaustion.

Now, if you are one who does nothing for the kingdom, you need to discover your role in the body. Each part is to supply something (Ephesians 4:16).

If you don't know what to do, then consider your walk with God. Could it be that God is not using you because you are not fit for service? Are you really saved? Are you walking in the Spirit? If you are confident that the Holy Spirit indwells you, then pray for understanding.

Begin by following Paul's command, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. And be not con-

formed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12:1-2 AV)

Notice the part of that verse that says you may prove what the will of God is. The phrase means to test the metal if you will. How does that begin? It begins by renewing your mind. If you continue to say to yourself, "There is nothing I can do," then you will do nothing. However, if you say, "God has gifted me to help the body so I will present myself as an acceptable sacrifice and trust that God will show me what He wants me to do," then I have all the confidence in God that you will become a productive member of Christ's Body.

Are you willing to start with what is your reasonable service by presenting your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God? If you are not willing to do that, then you have bigger problems.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Ga 6:7-8 AV)

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Heb 6:9-12 AV)