Finding Your Place
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— Study Note Outline —

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Your Calling Is Holy
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I. To Be Saved Is To Be Called (2 Tim. 1:9)
   A. Your calling is:
      1. Holy—sacred (1 Thess. 5:24)
      2. Dependent on God’s grace, not your ability
         He calls you to do what He will enable you to do.
      3. Given before time began (Rom. 8:29)

II. You Are Created For Good Works Prepared Beforehand—God’s Workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

III. Seven Steps To Finding Your Place (Rom. 12:1–8)
   A. Present your body a living sacrifice (v. 1)
      1. You must go through Romans 1–7 first
      2. Doorway to chapter 8: “There is therefore now no condemnation”
      3. Chapters 9–11: God’s dealings with Israel
   B. Be renewed in your mind (v. 2)
      1. Think differently
      2. Live differently
      3. Compare Rom. 8:5–7
   C. Discover God’s will in three stages:
      1. Good: Your life becomes better
      2. Acceptable: As you receive it by faith
      3. Perfect: In every way
   D. Be humble and realistic about yourself (v. 3)
      1. Humility is not a feeling, but a decision
      2. Lowly, teachable
      3. Habakkuk 2:4
   E. Recognize your God-given measure of faith (v. 4b)
      1. Faith is a substance
      2. Increase your faith: (Rom. 10:17) “Faith cometh by hearing . . . the Word of God”
   F. Your measure of faith fits your appointed place in the body (v. 4–5)—Members of the body must be attached to the body
G. Your place determines your gifts (*charismata*) (v. 6–8)
   1. Don’t detach gifts from function
   2. Exercise gifts by faith

**Twenty-Six New Testament Charismata**

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**I. Introduction**
   
   A. To be *saved* is to be *called*
      1. Our *calling* is *holy*
      2. Dependent on God’s grace
      3. Given before time began
   
   B. We are created for good works prepared beforehand (Eph. 2:10)
   
   C. Seven steps to find your place (Rom. 12:1–8)
      1. Present your body, a living sacrifice
      2. Be renewed in your mind
      3. Discover God’s will in 3 stages:
         a. Good
         b. Acceptable
         c. Perfect
      4. Be humble and realistic about self
      5. Recognize your God-given measure of faith
      6. Your measure of faith fits your appointed place in the body
      7. Your place determines your gifts (*charismata*)

**II. Charisma (Gift)**
   
   A. *Charis* = grace = beauty
      1. It *cannot* be earned
      2. You must *not* work (Rom. 4:4–5)
   
   B. *Charisma* = Specific manifestation or impartation of grace

**III. Basic Charismata (2)**
   
   A. Righteousness (Rom. 5:15–17)
   
   B. Eternal life (Rom. 6:23)
      1. You receive righteousness *before* eternal life
      2. Then righteousness is *outworked* (Rev. 19:8)

**IV. Personal Charisma (1)**
   
   A. Celibacy (1 Cor. 7:7)

**V. Spiritual Charismata (9) For All Believers (1 Cor. 12:7–11)**
   
   A. Words of wisdom
   
   B. Words of knowledge
   
   C. Faith
   
   D. Gifts of healings (1 Cor. 12:28)
   
   E. Gifts of miracles (1 Cor. 12:28)
   
   F. Prophesying (Rom. 12:6)
   
   G. Discerning of Spirits
H. Kinds of tongues (1 Cor. 12:28)
I. Interpretation of tongues

VI. Ministry Charismata (14) = Servant (Eph. 4:7, 11)

A. “Person” gifts: Christ’s life given in a person
   1. Apostles (1 Cor. 12:28)
   2. Prophets
   3. Evangelists
   4. Pastors/Shepherds
   5. Teachers (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28)
B. Serving (Rom. 12:7; 1 Pet. 4:11)
C. Exhorting/Encouraging (Rom. 12:8)
   1. Cheer up
   2. Stir up
D. Giving/Sharing (Rom. 12:8)
E. Leading/Ruling: Protector (Rom. 12:8)
F. Showing mercy (Rom. 12:8)
G. Helps/Assistants (1 Cor. 12:28)
H. Administration/Steering (1 Cor. 12:28)
I. Hospitality (1 Peter 4:9 - 11)
J. Speaking: As God’s mouthpiece (1 Pet. 4:9 - 11)

Discipled By God
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I. Introduction
A. Discipling: training and equipping a person for God’s service
   1. Train—not just teach, but make them do what they’re taught
   2. Equip—give power and authority, charismata
B. True discipling always proceeds from God (Is. 54:13)
   Discipling by God brings peace
C. Human discipling:
   1. Produces a sect in the church
   2. Produces a cult out of the church
   3. Two sources of cults:
      a. Those who come in from outside the church
      b. Those who come from inside the church (Acts 20:29–30)

II. Fulfill God’s Character Requirements
A. Commitment to obedience
   1. John 7:17
   2. John 13:17
B. Humility and the fear of the Lord
   1. God teaches the humble (Psalm 25:8–9)
   2. God teaches those who fear Him (Psalm 25:12)
C. Endurance and patience
   1. Endurance is active; patience is passive
2. Faith and patience (Hebrews 6:11–12)
3. Patient endurance brings promises (Heb. 6:15)

III. The Path To Leading Is Serving
A. Matthew 20:25–28
   1. The world’s picture of authority (v. 25)
   2. The higher up you want to go, the lower down you must start (v. 26–27)

IV. Discipling By Two Methods
A. Through a more experienced servant of God
B. Directly by God
   When God initiates something new, He disciples directly.
C. Those discipled directly by God
   1. Moses
   2. David
   3. Elijah
   4. John the Baptist
   5. Jesus
   6. Paul
D. The pattern of Jesus
   1. Jesus never took the initiative (John 5:19–20)
   2. Everything proceeded from the Father (John 5:26–27)
   3. “My words and deeds proceed from the Father” (John 14:9–10)
   4. Jesus received instruction daily from God (Is. 50:4–6)
E. The pattern of Paul
   1. His discipling was direct from God (Gal. 1:15–17)
   2. Galatians 2:1–2
   3. Ephesians 3:1–7
F. Those discipled by another servant
   1. Moses discipled Joshua
   2. Elijah discipled Elisha
   3. Jesus discipled the 12 apostles
   4. Paul discipled Timothy (and others)
G. Pattern of Timothy: 7 Stages
   1. Learned Scriptures in childhood (2 Tim. 1:5, 3:15)
   2. Gained approval in a local church (Acts 16:1–2)
   3. Sovereignly, supernaturally called and appointed
      a. “The words previously given you” (1 Tim. 1:18)
      b. Gifts imparted by prophecy and the laying on of hands (1 Tim. 4:14)
      c. “Stir up the gift of God in you” (2 Tim. 1:6)
   4. Served as an apprentice with Paul (Phil. 2:22)
   5. Served as Paul’s delegate
      a. Timothy taught as Paul’s representative (1 Cor. 4:17)
      b. 1 Timothy 1:3–4
   6. Released to his own ministry (2 Tim. 4:1–6)
   7. Trained others as he had been trained (2 Tim. 2:2)

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