

Finding Your Place

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— Study Note Outline —
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Three Tape Series

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Your Calling Is Holy 4157

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* 4158

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)

Disciplined 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 disciplines directly.
- C. Those disciplined 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 disciplined by another servant
 1. Moses disciplined Joshua
 2. Elijah disciplined Elisha
 3. Jesus disciplined the 12 apostles
 4. Paul disciplined 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)