

Experiencing God, Part 2 God is At Work Around You
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Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Now everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; certain that God is appealing through us. (2 Cor. 5: 17-20)

1) God has _____ to ministry as an _____

Three Essential attributes of a competent ambassador

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

2) We, like Moses, all too easily _____ from our calling (Exodus 3:7-10, 11, 13, 4:1, 4:10)

3) A person who has never accepted an assignment from God does not need to be _____ because that individual is not undertaking a _____ task.

1 Corinthians 12:7 *"A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial."*

"A spiritual gift is a manifestation of God at work through you. God works in and through you to bear spiritual fruit.

Your focus should be on God living His life through you to accomplish His purposes. When you concentrate on a particular gift you receive in order to do something for God, your attention is usually on self rather than on God."

4) If God merely provided us with a _____, we would tend to place our confidence in the _____ rather than in _____.

John 5: 17, 19-20 *My Father is still working, and I am working . I assure you: The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does these things in the same way. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing.*

5) When you want to learn how to know and do the will of God, you should always look _____

"If Jesus was that dependent on the Father, then you and I should realize how ludicrous it is for us to set out on our own without any direction or guidance from the Father."

6) Whenever it seems that God is not doing anything fresh in your life, focus on the _____ and stay there until God gives you a new assignment.

"The love relationship is why God created you. That is far more important to Him than what you do for Him. Anticipate that the first thing God will do in your life is to draw you into an intimate love relationship with Himself. When your relationship with God is as it should be, He will begin giving you assignments at His initiative."

7) God is also at work around you in your _____ and as you focus on your love relationship with Jesus, you should also expect that He is going to call you to roles in your _____ that also are not in your natural gifting.

In Ephesians 4:7, 11-13 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

8) “Jesus has a _____...but does he have _____ for that mission?”

Romans 10:14-15 (MSG) 14 But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? 15 And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?