Jeanna's Notes FINDING YOUR PLACE AND PURPOSE Pastor Donald Hinkle 2/6/2011

A lot of people are trying to find their purpose in life. I don't think of it as a matter of finding your purpose but finding your position. Once you find your purpose your position will be clear.

We all want our life to have meaning and value. You will never find your purpose until you find your place and position in Christ not finding self worth in what you are doing and accomplishing.

As a believer we must ask the question who am I? If you're doing something is your purpose then if you fail at something you become a failure. Don't confuse your purpose with who you are. You must see who you are as a transformed creature in Christ.

Your place determines your purpose.

What if you got up and realized you were on a sinking ship? Where is your place on a sinking ship? The moment you realize that's the position you are in you immediately know your purpose.

Understanding your position also makes clear your purpose. If you struggle with the meaning of life, why am I here, your position isn't clear.

James 1:22-26

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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This verse contrasts two people. The one person looks at himself and goes his way and immediately forgets what kind (manner of man) of a person he was. He wasn't looking at superficial things but at the kind of person he was. He forgot what kind of person he was.

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25 But whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Who so looketh into the perfect law of liberty. The glass they looked in was the perfect law of liberty, the mirror of the word. The mirror of the word of God is the stated known will of God for a human being. A person could be a doer of the word or only a hearer of the law of liberty.

A person who only hears the law of liberty deceives himself. It is possible to look in the word and deceive yourself about the kind of person you are. You are the pearl of great price; he sold everything to purchase you. You forget that and don't feel like He loves you. You lied to yourself and deceived yourself. We forget we are the redeemed of the Lord and made the righteousness of God in Christ. We lie to ourselves. You heard the word and you didn't do it.

Deceive = to reason falsely, incorrectly, to lie to self.

A hearer only reasons falsely about himself.

Are you being honest with yourself? You lied to yourself and deceived yourself. You saw yourself not as God sees you and that is a symptom of a hearer.

If you read a promise and think God never does that for me, you are a hearer only.

He beholds himself in the word then goes away and immediately forgets what kind of person he is.

When the bible says God loves you, reason he loves you. If you exempt yourself you are a forgetful hearer.

Verse 24 say he forgets the kind of man he was not what he should be doing. We often look in the word to find a list of things we should be doing to be godly. You can do that and fail without results if you don't know what kind of man you are.

We are trained that we are what we do. You aren't the sum total of your deeds. The laws of the kingdom work for you if you received Jesus. The law of faith applies to you and works for or against you.

Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein not being a forgetful hearer...

Gateway Bible Church Copyright 2011 All rights reserved Look in the mirror and continue looking, he being a doer of the work he is blessed in his deeds. He began to be transformed. We enter a place of being, something happened to that person, he started being something.

If you are not a forgetful hearer you are a doer not a forgetful hearer only.

The person who looks into the perfect law of liberty is transformed into a doer!

Looking at the law of liberty caused them to BE something. They became a different being, a doer of the work! This man should be blessed in his deed.

This man was a doer of the work, this is the man that is blessed, (blessed one, one possessing the favor of God) it has nothing to do with your actions. This man is blessed in his deeds not blessed by his deeds. This man possesses the favor of God.

A possessor is the kind of person you are. As a person possessing the favor of God you go out and the things you do you do with the favor of God on you and they work really well.

Blessing = Strong's 3107 = that state of being marked by fullness from God.

This person is not a forgetful hearer. This man when he does this is blessed in his deeds marked by the fullness from God in his deeds. If you want to be successful find your position and see what manner of man you are. I am the prospered of God, that's the manner of man you are and you go out with the fullness of God flowing through you to go and do. It is a lot easier to go do when you have the supernatural power of God causing it to work.

It is hard to do things relying on your own thinking. The favor and blessing of God comes in when you reach the end of what you know. He is there with what he knows! You possess the fullness of God to do everything you do.

If you feel like a failure go look in the word and see I'm redeemed from lack and poverty. I'm not afraid of becoming bankrupt. I'm not afraid of sickness and disease and lack. I go out with the favor of God.

Don't try to get the favor of God or you aren't in the New Testament. You are in the state of being marked, the mark of one possessing the favor of God, blessed in his doing not blessed by his doing. Not blessed by tithing or first fruits. You are blessed in your doing. You give because you are blessed and are a possessor of God's fullness! Do what you do based on what manner of man you are, this is a state of being, the position, the place God has set you in as His child. Do you recognize and agree with that place God says you are in?

I can do all things through Christ not how much money I have in the bank.

Gateway Bible Church Copyright 2011 All rights reserved The doctor hands you list telling you who you are based on his report. You need to look at God's report. Do you remember what the law of liberty says about you or did you forget and start entertaining what the world says?

There is a supernatural element of being a child of God that turns things around. You touch it with God's fullness and suddenly the deed opens up in your lap. Suddenly you are doing it with great success. There is just something about the doing when you know who you are.

There is something about doing when you are blessed and in the favor of God. You don't get favor by doing, you have favor and there is nothing impossible to you because you have the favor of God.

You have the blessing of God on everything you set your hand to do.

Look at yourself in the word and stay with the picture of a man the word paints. It's a shame for believers to be so helpless when they face life. Anywhere the power of God touched the world the dunamus was manifested. We carry the world altering power of God into our deeds! Everyone else may fail but not me. I can do all things; I have the favor of God to do any deed before me because I have His fullness.