
“Seek Your Assignment”

It is not by chance that you are reading this article at this moment. It is not by chance that I wrote it. At whatever moment you are reading this article, whether shortly after it was written or long thereafter, it is not by chance. To think so would be naive. Nothing is by mere chance when God is involved. Do you believe that? This article and its topic was the assignment given to me by the Lord. He knew that I would write it on November 5th, 2010 and that you would be reading it today. In fact, He already knows how many will read it, how many will respond to it and to what degree. Isn't that amazing?

I believe that living an empowered Christian life is completing the assignments that God places over you. These assignments may be temporary or permanent. Whichever the case, a Christian life lived without accomplishing the tasks laid upon you is probably not an empowered one at all. I say this because part of the empowering process is knowing that you are doing what God has assigned you to do. It is like James referenced in James 2:22, 26 when he stated, "What good is it believing in God but not activating that faith through works?" My conviction is that an assignment-free Christian life is a pretty empty and stale one, at best. We can become wandering generalities. In grade school, little children look for assignments to be handed out. They thrill in being able to go back to the teacher and proudly show their completed and hopefully well done project. There is a sense of pride and joy that overcomes them when they know they have done a good job. Chances are, they begin immediately looking for the next one. This doesn't only happen in school but in the home as well. Isn't it true that younger kids are always looking for assignments to be handed out whereas they can please mommy or daddy once the assignment is finished? This makes them feel extra special and part of the family unit. And who doesn't want that? This dynamic can be applied to sports, office, church, etc. I know, I know. You are probably saying "That's great, Jay, but I don't have an assignment. In fact, I don't recall doing one recently or ever getting one from God. How can this apply to me?" Well then, let me answer that question with words straight from Scripture..."you receive not because you ask not" (James 4:2). You have no assignment because you seek no assignment from God. Seeking and asking God for your assignment, with proper motives, is the key.

A very important fact to become convincingly aware of is that God issues assignments that complement the talents, skills, and abilities that only you possess for that particular task. This means that the assignments that God lays upon you are specific assignments that He has already equipped you for. There is no one else who can do that assignment as well as you can do it because He has already created you to do it, if only you would ask. This article here is specifically written with the thoughts, wording, style, and spirit that only I possess. It was *my* assignment. Sure, some other author could have written an article on seeking your assignments but the delivery, wording, thought patterns, etc. would have been totally different. Let me share with you the incredible power of our uniqueness as individuals to illustrate my point further using science. It strikes me as beyond awesome when you consider that there are no two persons alike genetically. This means that even in our DNA, or our instructional script or our software program, which sits in the nucleus of a cell, carries genes made up of hundreds of thousands of letters of codes. The letters of code are said to be so enumerable that in an average person the letters, if to be counted one by one, would amass in the billions and could never be counted in any one persons' lifetime even if a group of ten people counted every second of the day, every day of the year. Science goes on to say that if all the letters were to be counted and written down in book form, the books themselves would

reach far beyond the heights of the Empire State Building! All this in just one person and no two are alike! God is just amazing! The Word says that He knew us in our mother's womb (Psalms 139:13), so therefore just as you were created uniquely so are your assignments. There are people, places, and projects that God has assigned just for you but you need to seek out and ask for them. It is true that in many cases God will call those whom He chooses and gives them their assignments. We can see that with Jeremiah, Samuel, and Ezekiel to name a few. Interestingly enough, though, the common denominator of all His callings is that is He fortifies those who He has called and given a task to do. So, whether one is called directly by God to a specific purpose or one seeks a task from Him, God is quick to strengthen and asks us not to get caught up with the details. He is simply looking for those that are willing.

As believers, our purpose is clear. Jesus stated that when He gave the Apostles their marching orders in Matthew 28:19-20. It is my belief that we too have the same exhortation today which is the very purpose for our being; to spread the Good News of the Gospel through sharing our faith, our daily living, and completing our unique assignments. From the prophets of the Old Testament to the heroes of the New Testament we see that whenever God gave an assignment He also provided the resources and empowerment to see them through. With the assignment always comes the equipping. This ensures that the assignment truly does come from God and not from a conjured up self-appointment. So, stop wondering whether or not God wants to use you or to what capacity. He already has your projects prepared in advance for you to complete. All He is waiting is for you to ask and seek your assignment..

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