

YOU, MAN OF GOD



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WHO IS HE?

Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

² Which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,

³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

⁴ and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

[Rom 1:1-7]

1. A servant of Jesus
2. A Called Apostle
3. Reserved for the Gospel
4. Interpreter of the Word
5. Preacher of Faith
6. Preacher of Peace
7. Messenger to fellow persons called

HE HAS A SPECIAL CALLING

Acts 13:1-11

¹ Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

² As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

⁵ And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

⁶ Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

⁹ Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?"

11 And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand."

1. He comes with his ministry from a local church but he is then isolated by the Holy Spirit with a special call for a specific purpose (like the queen bee).
2. He is ordained by the laying on of hands and is sent to teach even the wise of his time (verse 7 & 8).
3. He is the mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit (verse 9 & 10).
4. He is a defender of truth (v. 10).
5. He acts in God's power and authority (v. 11).

HIS BIG RESPONSIBILITY

Luke 10:16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

1. **HE IS THE MIRROR WHICH REFLECTS A HOLY AND NEW CHARACTER**
He is the living model (to follow me as I follow Christ).
2. **HE IS GOD'S MOUTHPIECE**
He is God's mouthpiece
Thus saith the Lord (Isaiah confesses his unworthiness and his lips are touched with fire). (Isa 6)
3. **HE IS GOD'S DELEGATE**
To reveal the power of God (and I gave to you - Mark 16)
Contact point between God and man for the flow of God's power.
4. **HE IS THE OVERSEER THAT GUARDS GOD'S FLOCK**
He will have to account for each sheep bought by the blood of Jesus.
5. **HE IS THE CONTACT PERSON BETWEEN GOD AND THE WORLD**
He is the messenger of salvation through the blood. We are the earthen vessels which contain water of life. He is the oasis of his town where people can find Jesus.
6. **HE DELIVERS GOD'S SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE (NOT RELIGIOUS)**
Ephesians 4:7-16. Sick - tired - weak - etc...
24 hour service - ready for anything.
He should be ready to act with the power of God to face any crisis every second of the day.

HIS DIGNITY

1. **HE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF GOD**
God entrusted the valuable souls of people to him. He works with God's investment. (Pilot for the S.A.A.)

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2. **HE REPRESENTS JESUS**
Isaiah declares his unworthiness (I am a man of unclean lips). (Isa 6)
3. **HE ACTS WITH THE AUTHORITY OF GOD**
I gave you authority (and in His name).
4. **HE IS THE SHEPHERD TO THE HERD**
 - a. Find the lost.
 - b. Strengthen the weak.
 - c. Heal the sick.
 - d. A tender care

THE TRIAL OF THE MAN OF GOD

1. **HIS WORK IS TO BE A WARRIOR**
He is engaged in a war 24 hours of the day.
Other occupations are outside his fighting line.
2. **SENT BY GOD TO DEAL WITH HARDENED PEOPLE**
3. **HE REMAINS CALM IN THE STORM**
As a captain, is the last one to leave the ship.
4. **HE IS A LEADER, A SUFFERER AND A WET WIPE**
 - a. He leads the nation in difficult circumstances and criticism.
 - b. He suffers with people in storms.
 - c. He is a wet wipe who wipes the spills from people.
5. **SOMETIMES THE REWARD COMES MUCH LATER**
He sometimes has to survive with very little on earth.
6. **HE IS SATAN'S NUMBER ONE TARGET**
When he falls, the people fall.

HE IS STILL HUMAN

HE MAY ALSO REST
 HE MAY ALSO LAUGH
 HE MAY ALSO HAVE A FAMILY
 HE MAY ALSO MENTION THAT HE IS TIRED
 HE MAY ALSO TELL WHEN HE IS SICK
 HE MAY ALSO CRY
 HE MAY ALSO TELL WHEN HE IS AFRAID
 HE MAY ALSO SAY "PRAY FOR ME"
 HE MAY ALSO DRIVE A SMART CAR
 HE MAY ALSO HAVE A HOBBY
 HE MAY ALSO SAY "I DO NOT KNOW"
 HE MAY ALSO SAY 'NO!'
 HE ALSO MAY NEED MONEY
 HE MAY ALSO MAKE MISTAKES
 HE MAY ALSO BE ANGRY

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WHAT CAUSES HIS MINISTRY TO BE POWERLESS

1. **TOTAL LACK OF COMMITMENT**
1 Tim 4:13-16, Acts 6:4-7
2. **SIMILARITY TO THE WORLD**
Romans 12:1, 1 Cor 5:8-12, 2 Corinthians 6:7, 1 John 2:16, John 17:14-16
3. **RECEIVING FAVOUR FROM OTHERS**
Galatians 1:10, Matthew 11:16-17, Proverbs 29:25, 2 Timothy 1:7, Galatians :11-14
4. **LACK OF SELF-DENIAL**
1 Corinthians 9:25-27
5. **GREED**
1 Tim 6:10, Jeremiah 6:13
6. **LACK OF SEPARATION AND REST**
Mark 6:31
7. **PRAYERLESSNESS**
Mark 1:34-35
8. **SPIRITUAL PRIDE**
Isaiah 55:11
9. **LACK OF SPIRITUAL LIFE**
Acts 20:28, 1 Tim 4:16, Matthew 5:13-14
10. **A POOR FAMILY LIFE**
1 Tim 3:2
11. **BAD FAITH AND USAGE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**
12. **IDLE CHATTER**
II Tim 2:14-16, Eph 5:1-4

POTHOLES IN THE MINISTRY

TEMPTATIONS

- A. WOMEN
- B. MONEY
- C. NEGLIGENCE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE
- D. PRIDE AS SOON AS GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE RECEIVED
- E. LIES
- F. VANITY
- G. STUBBORNNESS AND BEING HEADSTRONG
- H. PRAYERLESSNESS
- I. FRANTIC LIFESTYLE
- J. OWN OR FALSE DOCTRINE
- K. AGGRESSION
- L. TOO CLOSE FRIENDSHIP
- M. FEAR OF PEOPLE

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