

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

Have you found your set place?

1 Corinthians 12:18 *But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hat pleased him.*

There is a quest and desire that transcends social, educational, economical and geographical lines. That quest is the pursuit of happiness. It is a search for meaning and purpose for our lives. We want to know why are we here and what are we supposed to be doing? This is a human issue that is common to all mankind. The Bible gives us insight and actually identifies who we are and where we are supposed to be. God has a set place for you and a set time for you to do what He purposed for you to do. There is a great line in the Movie Forest Gump. His commander Lt. Dan, asked him if he had found Jesus. His response was, "I didn't know I was supposed to be looking for him sir." Unfortunately this is the testimony of many people, even some in the body of Christ. You will never find yourself until you discover the One Who created you and sent you into the earth. Many people wander and set out on this quest for the fulfillment. Often the road leads to places that we never intended to go. No one would say, "When I grow up I want to go to jail, or I want to create mass chaos and cause great pain." However in many a pursuit, this was the outcome. What happened? They never found their set place. In essence we waste time trying to fill the void with riches and pleasures of this life, only to find we are more miserable and less fulfilled than when the journey began.

Let's examine two points in the text that gave me revelation knowledge. First, God placed us in the body. There are things that were already established before He placed you. One cannot place a part in the body without the body. The body is the local church. The church was established by Jesus long before we arrived here. If you follow the progression, the church was established and God made you a part that would fit perfectly in the body and cause the body to function and be fruitful. Therefore there has to be a set church prepared for you to serve in and a set place in that church for your gift to operate.

Secondly, God placed me in the body as it has pleased Him. God decided what I would do, when I would do it, where I would do it and for how long I would do it. This was predestined for all of us before the foundation of the world. The key here is submitting to the perfect will of God and finding the joy and fulfillment of being in my set place. You cannot allow the behavior of others to cause your will to override God's will and vacate your set place. If you do this, prepare yourself for a wilderness experience that was never intended for you. When you are not in your set place, there is no grace and you will be angry, frustrated and unfulfilled. We must come into agreement with the will of God and accept what He wants us to do. I thought I knew what I wanted to do with my life and I began to pursue it with a reckless abandonment. I found a road that left me empty, angry and discouraged. Once I submitted to what God wanted for me, the most amazing thing happened, I found that what I thought I wanted, I really didn't want and what I thought I didn't want is what I really wanted all along. I feel like Paul in Romans 7. The point is, you're lost until you find Jesus. Once you find Him, He points you to your destiny and purpose. There is a set place for you that God has ordained. Don't just go to church and listen to a sermon and go home. Get involved in your local church and serve with the fire and passion that God placed in you. Your Pastor and local congregants and the body of Christ need you. Make it great day.

Blessings and Peace

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