

Notes from Zion

A key Scripture from the bottom of page 26 in the book reveals how the Lord cherishes our individuality. It is such a contrast to the way that the world tries to pressure us to fit in and conform.

The Lord specifically fashions our hearts with a personality, gifts and talents mix that fits beautifully into His great plan. So, as we seek His will and walk with Him in love and faith, the treasures placed within us begin to be revealed. Then, as we mature in it the Scripture is fulfilled in us that states "a man's gift makes room for him", and we discover our place in God's great house. We truly are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.

One of the greatest things that we can do for God is to be ourselves, in Him. Then the Holy Spirit can work with us to become our Anointed selves, that God may be glorified by His goodness in our lives. You are who you are because He wanted you, and the fact that you exist is proof that you are needed. The church and the world both need what God has put inside of you. The value of our individual gift mix is more clearly seen as we serve others in the church and work together in the Kingdom of God. *Who you are is God's gift to you, who you serve with it is your gift to Him.*

Still, I have seen many in the church struggling to discover their place of effectiveness in the house of God. A place of significance where their gifts and calling can truly bring a fulfillment in the eternal purpose of God. Here is a great principle for finding your part. Seek God's whole and you will find your part. Jesus said it this way "seek first the kingdom of God, and all the other things will be added to you". The action of seeking to flow with, and fulfill, His eternal purpose brings a fulfillment of who we are created to be. The Lord considered all this as He fashioned your heart, individually.

Jesus gave us another beautiful glimpse of His desire to have that unique, one on one relationship with you, personally. In Revelation 2:17 He promised that if you overcome in this life, He will give you a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except you and Him. It is just like Jesus to want to have a pet name for you. A secret that only you and Him share. He has called us to be part of something really big, and He totally loves us individually.

Blessings,

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