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### *Processing Hidden Secrets*



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Is it only me, or have you ever felt that life's scales are absolutely out of balance also? Have you thought that it is just the "luck of the draw" as to who gets a fair shot at this thing called "successful living?" Why are there people who live in absolute excess while others are assigned a life of trauma and a day-to-day existence? For some, it appears that their biggest concern is whether they should attend the "exclusive invitation only" event or which designer outfit they should wear, while others feel that they are being condescendingly but politely tolerated, right in the house of God. Yes, it is true that the silent war between the self-proclaimed "highly favored and anointed of God" and the self-described "pressing my way" groups definitely exist and are alive and well.

Those who were born with "all aces," or who have somehow achieved a high-hand during this journey, may see our confusion as mere petty complaining. Can you hear their sincere counsel to us? "Firmly put your hand to the grindstone! Develop a stiff upper lip and let's get on with it. I did it, and so can you." How fair is that? Can someone give me an answer that I can wrap my head around ... p-l-e-a-s-e?

"Our God is altogether just, but He does not treat everyone the same," Spelly once said to a person questioning why there appears to be a huge "disparity of blessings" among the saints in the house of God. I smiled appropriately and nodded my head in support of an obvious revelation that God had dropped into my husband's heart, but I must admit that I was thinking, "What in the world is he talking about?" Finally, I privately asked him, "Honey, what kind of double talk is that? How in the world is it possible for God to be fair and unfair at the same time?"

After a lively discussion, I finally understood what Spelly was saying! Yes, God is absolutely "just." "Just," because He is totally committed to helping every man live a prosperous and successful life. But, He really does treat each of us differently, in that He reserves the right to choose our life's path amidst various and winding roads. All of earth's mission fields require a divine assignment and individualized preparation. The conversation between my husband and I was very helpful to me and also affirmed the fact that there is no such thing as a "one size fits all" in the economy of God. Our callings are as distinctive as our DNA and as unique as our fingerprints. Designated placement is exclusively assigned within the Body according to the mind and the purpose of God.



*"He reserves the right  
to choose life's path"*

My narrow thinking had ignored the larger picture. I had missed the point. I had overlooked the root cause of man's dilemma. I had not considered the fact that the noticeable and vast blessing's disproportions among the people were not created by God, nor is this the will of God. For this situation, man must take all of the credit as well as accept the consequences. When we dared disobey God and deliberately chose to embrace "sin" as a master, we put faulty wheels in motion. Actually, such behavior fosters disrespect for God's laws and will sabotage His provisions for our lives. Humanity's insatiable appetite for carnal and base things is society's neon light reminder of man's insistence to create his own resource center and to do things his own way.

The fact is, it is not our comfort or status that really matters. What matters is that we achieve the perfect will of God. And what exactly is His will? Well, it is much greater than positioning me to acquire stocks and bonds or to live in an impressive house. It far surpasses the fleeting satisfaction of the applause and admiration of mortal men.

No! His assignment for my life is absolutely awesome! I have been entrusted and carefully placed by the Master. Life did not just happen for me. I have been chosen! Chosen to be the daughter of Margaret Minnie Bridges, chosen to be the wife of Bishop Harold Spellman, chosen to be the mother of Skip and Missy, chosen to be the sister of Andre' and Lori Curry, chosen to live in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, chosen to be the founder of the Peniel Drug/Alcohol Residential Center. I have been chosen to help pastor the Peniel Praise Community Church and chosen to be your friend. Chosen! I was chosen! I did not stumble into this huge vineyard and everyone cannot do what I do or be who I am because I am chosen. Man is simply unable to identify my significance in the Body of Christ ... whatever my assignment! My place has been hand-picked and methodically designed just for me. It may appear inconsequential and even insignificant to the carnal mind, but I have been intricately woven into the very fabric of God's Master Plan.



*"Chosen to be the wife of Harold Spellman."*

Society may put emphasis on who my parents are and where I was born. The color of my skin and even my hair texture can serve as a calling card in many arenas. It is true that who I had dinner with last night may excite the masses, but I have truly learned that these trivial things do not create my peace or summarize my importance. I have found One who is just and fair, and I really am important to Him. The truth is none of these things that adorn this temporary shell even matter; I am alive, and that is what matters. I have purpose in the mind of God.

I was symbolically given a cloak, a cruse of water and a loaf of bread. I was then told to multiply what was in my hands. I am to clothe the naked and to feed the hungry. My resources are immeasurable and come from the greatest authority known to mankind. Yes, I have a mandate from Almighty God. I must go into the entire world and preach the gospel to all men, that they too may know that they have also been chosen. Not just to the rich or exclusively to the poor ... but to all men. Ah yes, allow me to reveal a hidden secret. Things, or even the lack of things, will not identify character nor are they able to make one rich.



*"...a valued part of the conglomerate of God."*

I have accepted this fact and it has arrested the struggle within. I am a true believer in Jesus Christ and I am fully equipped to address the various degrees of pain in which mankind have found himself. I am a valued part of a multination of God. I was not born in riches or in poverty to confirm the contemporary theories or philosophies of men - but to work the eternal purpose of God.

Those of us who have accepted these truths have learned that things and people ... indeed circumstances and conditions will never define who we are or what we can excel to be. We must discipline ourselves to take our eyes off of the temporary and the immediate, and dare to step into the eternal and the supernatural. We will discover how really blessed we are and the blessings that yet await us. We will discover that we are special and that every trial has an escape route that will glorify God and strengthen our faith in Him. What a wonderful place to live. Happy is the one who has been able to penetrate the hidden secrets of these matters. This is where the highly sought riches are stored ... riches too large to process.

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