

Walking In Our Highest Calling

Once in a while, someone who is quite serious about his calling will come to me wanting to be assured that he is being trained by God in the area in which he is called. Knowing that you may carry that same concern on your heart, I want to address this issue, particularly as it pertains to the ministries of helps and governments.

First, it is imperative that you understand this: No matter what your divine call is, there is an equipping of God – a combination of the gifts of the Spirit – that qualifies you for that calling or office. No matter which of the eight operations of God you are called to fill—whether it be apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, evangelist, helps, governments, or diversities of tongues – you are also called to be saturated with God's glory, power, and Presence, as well as with the gifts of His Spirit.

It is such an unnecessary tragedy when believers try to attain to their office without being qualified by the Spirit. These people are destined to take their place among the powerless ministries who lean on their mental intellect and spend the greatest portion of their lives never understanding how to move in the Presence and the glory of God.

You may ask, "But can you assure me that I will come into the fullness of my calling?"

I can assure you of this: If God is separating you unto a calling, then He is certainly going to qualify you for it.

So how does God begin the process of qualification? Well, this is where that lowly gift, tongues for personal edification, comes in, which qualifies you for your first calling, divers tongues. All the other operations and gifts of the Spirit flow through you as *He* wills. But not this one. This gift flows to you for your own edification.

God has done with this gift what He has done with no other. He has made you the steward of its operation and of your own edification. You can be edified as often as you want. You are the captain of your own ship, the master of your destiny, the choice-maker for your success!

Why did He give you the gift of tongues for personal edification first? Because the seven other operations of God rest upon it. As you exercise this one lowly gift, praying much in the Holy Ghost, it begins to build you up on your most holy faith. Up where?

Up into God, up into spiritual qualification, up past the diversities of tongues to whatever operation of God you are called to fill – helps, governments, teacher, workings of miracles, etc.

I've had many people ask me, "Brother Roberson, how can I be sure if I'm called to helps and governments?" So I want to talk specifically about these two operations. The truth is, we've never really understood what the Bible means by helps and governments. As with the other operations of God, we have often made God's callings what we wanted them to be. We put carnal definitions to them – "Well, this is what governments is; this is what helps is" – and then we have fulfilled them

out of that carnal understanding!

First, we need to consider the fact that not only are the nine gifts listed in divine order in First Corinthians 12, but so, too, are the eight operations of God. First comes the apostle, then the prophet, teacher, workings of miracles, gifts of healings, helps, governments, and diversities of tongues. I always used to wonder, *Why is helps listed before governments? Governments is supposed to be a higher priority because it encompasses the organizational gifts, and helps is supposed to help those called to governments. So why shouldn't governments be listed above helps?*

My thoughts were in line with the common understanding of these two operations. According to this understanding, governments is supposed to be the superior calling. It's referring to the guy in the head office. You have to see eight people before you can talk to him. He has incredible organizational skills. In fact, he can organize a prayer meeting of ten thousand and still make sure that a new believer on the outer perimeter isn't lost in the flood of people pouring in but has everything needed to build a solid spiritual foundation.

So what is the role of helps in this traditional understanding of these two operations? Well, it is taught that, when the person called to governments says, "We need a big hole dug right here," the person called to helps is the guy with the shovel! When helps finishes digging the hole, governments says, "Okay, I'm the one with organizational skills and you're in the ministry of helps. We need another hole right here, so you get to dig it."

Given this perception of helps and governments, you might understand why I was confused that helps would be listed before governments in First Corinthians 12. But since then, I have come to understand the true reason.

When God whispered in my spirit the true definition of helps, I thought, *This is so different than anything I've ever heard!* So I went back as far as I could to the original Greek. I mean, I got the original that referenced the original before the original! Then I started digging out the definition of "helps."

According to the breakdown of the original Greek word, Bible scholars say that the word "helps" seems to refer to *someone of capability*. This definition especially leans toward the idea of a *person of means* who is able to help those who are called to the office of governments (referred to as "he that ruleth" in Romans 12:8). This is why helps is referred to as the gift of the simplicity of giving in Romans 12:8, or as I have affectionately labeled it, "the entrepreneurship of the simplicity of giving." People who are called to helps have the capacity in their character and in their calling from God to pour not just millions, but literally billions of dollars into the ministry of governments for the Church.

One of the reasons helps isn't understood very well is that, even though God calls thousands upon ten thousands to that ministry, very few qualify. Why is this? Because too often people fail to appropriate the power in money to further God's Kingdom; rather, they allow money to appropriate them for the furtherance of their own carnal desires!

Someone once asked me what the statistics were for people giving billions into the Kingdom for the sake of the Gospel. So I asked God about this: "Lord, I would like to know the statistics on that, too. How do You find those who will rise to the fullness of their calling in helps? Do You just look around and randomly choose a person, destining that person for greatness in spite of himself?"

No, that isn't how God does it at all. I know a businessman with a heart for ministry who obeyed God and impacted thousands of lives. He was driving down the road one day and God showed him a building and a piece of property to buy. He had other things on his mind to do, but he stopped and yielded to the Spirit. He started a church there and trained people to go out and minister to the senior citizens in the area – a group of people that no one else was reaching out to. Not only did he establish a strong ministry to the seniors, but the property almost doubled in value.

Cities are full of people with such needs. Do you think God says, "We only need one powerful anointing to do a work"? No, if God had His way, He'd have people in every city who put God's power on display every time they turn around. Instead, He has to use one guy as much as He can because no one else has qualified himself for his call!

God has an anointing for what He has called you to do, but you don't find that anointing by sitting around waiting for it. You have to find it through the prayer ministry of the diversity of tongues.

What will happen if you choose to walk the path of the world as your main course in life? Well, don't expect too much. Jesus said that he who finds his life is the person who loses it (Matthew 10:39). After you choose to lose your life, you might struggle for a while. But I promise you this: If you will lose the old man and all that your flesh has to offer – your self-exaltation, your aspirations, your walking in the ways of this world – you will find yourself in God.

If you should be called to helps, don't think lightly of it, for it's a glorious call! It means your lightning-quick mind is going to be flooded with the wisdom of God so you can become a master businessman and entrepreneur. He will help you make all the right business decisions until, one day, you find yourself making millions at a flick of your wrist!

What does Mr. Helps do? If he fulfills his call according to the anointing of God, he directs and moves massive fortunes at the command of the Holy Spirit. This man can finance the most powerful, anointed ministry on the earth today. When that ministry wants to go into Japan with the Gospel, he can say, "I would like to invest a billion dollars to set up your crusade in Japan. I want you to be able to go in at the top of the nation and make sure every person sees and hears the Gospel message. And I'm going to share in the reward for this endeavor even though I am just the lowly helps ministry!"

Are you starting to catch on? No calling of God is without honor. The question is, will you find *your* divine call and begin to pursue it? If you will do that, God will equip you with everything you need to get past the devil and fulfill what He has given you to do.

I guarantee you, you'll need every bit of equipment the Lord gives you because the temptations to get distracted from your call are great. Once I asked God, "What are the odds of a man actually taking enough money away from the social systems of this world to support a ministry like Benny

Hinn till the end of time?"

God spoke to my spirit and said, "The odds are the same as the odds that a person would fulfill his evangelistic call to the tremendous degree that Benny Hinn is fulfilling it – *a million to one.*"

Then I asked the Lord, "What would I have to do to share all of Benny Hinn's reward? I wouldn't mind having his and mine too!"

So the Lord told me what I'd have to do. First, I'd have to calculate his yearly budget; then I'd have to figure out approximately how long Benny would live if the Lord tarried. Multiplying those two figures would tell me the astronomical amount of money that would be required to carry his ministry.

Next, all I'd have to do is be smarter than the devil so I could obtain the billions of dollars I needed from this world system. And finally, I'd give it to Benny and tell him, "I want to pay for your ministry for the rest of your life"!

Someone said to me, "Do you mean all I have to do is make enough money to pay for this ministry and I'll share in all its reward? I just have to make five billion dollars and give it to the ministry?"

I replied, "Yes, that's true, but you don't understand. The odds are a million to one that once you make the five billion dollars, you'll give it into the Kingdom of God!"

"Oh, but I will."

"That's what 999,999 people said before you! They said, 'I know what I'm called to do. I'm supposed to make money so I can bless ministries that are spreading the Gospel.' But they didn't understand the evil forces that were ready to get involved as soon as they started making the money. And just like the other almost million entrepreneurs, once they started to make that kind of money, they didn't want to give it away anymore."

When a man makes huge amounts of money, chances are his money will end up making *him*. For instance, I've had several businessmen tell me that they were using their money to obtain more creature comforts. Now, there's nothing wrong with creature comforts. But instead of using the money to buy more time with God, these businessmen forsook that aspect of their ministry and decided to first use their money for their own creature comforts. Then when a financial crisis hit our community, it hit them as well and they were facing bankruptcy.

At that point, some of these businessmen came to me with great, swelling promises. "Brother Roberson," they said, "I made a million dollars last year, but now I'm losing money. If you'll pray for my business, when God turns it around, I'll give thirty percent to your ministry."

I'm telling you, when the first couple of businessmen told me that, my hand broke the sound barrier to shake their hand in agreement! "Yes, I agree! Your business will turn around!" I said enthusiastically. After all, our church was desiring to expand, and extra money would have been a welcome blessing!

But about the time the third businessman came to me during the economic crunch, God must have gotten tired of hearing me agree with those greedy, covetous prayers. When that third businessmen said, "I'll give your ministry thirty percent," the Holy Spirit suddenly spoke up loud on the inside of me and said, "No, he won't. Now, you tell him what I tell you."

So I said to the businessman, "No, you won't."

"Hey, I'm the million-dollar businessman with an ostrich-skin briefcase. I'm the one who has the airplane. People open doors for me. I tell this one to go, and he goes. I tell this one to come, and he comes. Who are you, trying to tell me what I will and will not do?"

Boy, I was fanning the flames of the Holy Ghost! Inside, I was saying, *Come on, Holy Spirit, give me more! I need to know what to say!*

"No, you won't give thirty percent to my ministry if you start making money again," I told that man. "If you weren't fighting the good fight of faith by giving the twenty or thirty cents off that dollar when it was under pressure in your pocket, you're certainly not going to do it when that dollar turns into millions and billions of dollars. Your toys will just get bigger."

So how about you? Are you going to stumble along and adopt the world's way of living your life, or are you going to finish your God-ordained course? If you are called to the entrepreneurship of the simplicity of giving, are you going to allow God to saturate your life with His wisdom so money can pour through you to further His Kingdom?

If you'll do that, God's wisdom will dance in your mind. His decisions will be your decisions. You'll beat the devil on every turn. There's nothing Satan will be able to do to defeat you because all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Christ Jesus, and He's in you. Those treasures are available to you – *if* you want to pay the price.

You see, your loyalty to God will be more severely challenged and tried under prosperity than you ever dreamed possible when you were living under adversity. That's why a great revival often comes in times of adversity, such as war, and times of much falling away come during periods of prosperity and pleasure. A scene at the end of World War II graphically proved this point. When our boys at sea first returned home after the war, one harbor was full of the little Bibles that had been issued to the sailors during the war. The men had made it home; the time of adversity was over. They supposedly didn't need the Bible anymore.

That's why if you said to me, "Brother Roberson, I believe I'm called to governments" or "I believe I'm called to helps," I would immediately set you on the course of meditation and praying in tongues for the transformation of your life. I might seem like a taskmaster, but that's because I face the devil on a daily basis. I know what it will take for you to experience fullness of ministry. I know what the enemy is going to try to do to you. I know why the odds are a million to one! I can guarantee you this, though: If you will faithfully pray in tongues for your personal edification and meditate on the Word of God, you won't look back a year from now and see a failure standing in your shoes!

I emphasized the offices of helps and governments in this letter, but the principles and the warfare against your calling apply to you no matter what you are called to do. You have a capacity that the saints of old only dreamed of. Angels even desire to look into what you possess in Christ. You're a part of the generation they all longed to be a part of – the generation living when the limits came off. You can have all of God you want. You can understand Him and His workings. You live in a generation when every believer to the ends of the earth can go all the way into Heaven's anointing just because he or she elects to!

It's up to you. You have the potential to receive the fullness of God in your call. When you walk in that fullness, then the fullness of God's reward for that calling is also yours. However, I can't walk out your divine calling for you. And I can't tell you it will be easy. As you know, it will involve much praying in other tongues. But as you go about your Father's business, praying much in the Holy Ghost, you will find full empowerment for your call – whether it be helps, governments, or any other operation of God just waiting in the wings for you!

Your friend and co-laborer,
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