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## *Everyone Has a Work to Do*

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We are looking in our Bibles at Esther, the fourth chapter, and the 14<sup>th</sup> verse. Do you remember who these words were said to? To Esther. That's right. She was the queen, and there was a great crisis, you remember. The Jews were all going to be destroyed. God, in His providence, had her in a particular place at a particular time. Mordecai, the relative that had raised her, told her to consider the providence of God in the situation which she was. Look at your Bible, the last two lines:

“...thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”  
Esther 4:14.

You are where you are, at the time you are, for a purpose. That's the first thing I would like to have us take a look at.

In *Ministry of Healing*, page 476, I read:

“Every man has his place in the eternal plan of heaven”  
*Ministry of Healing*, page 476.

Esther was where she was because she had a job to do at that particular time in saving her people.

Let's take another example. Let's go to Acts 7:20. Brother, will you read it for me?

“In which time Moses was born...” Acts 7:20.

Why was he born at that particular time? Because there needed to be a deliverer. Couldn't anybody do it? No, not just anybody. A special child was born for a special work.

You will never be able to do the job that you're here at Wildwood to do unless you understand this principle. If you think that what you're doing can just as well, or a little better, be done by most anybody else, you've missed the whole point. You'll never get what God has for you to get here, never. And so, my very first lesson is on this important principle.

Let's take another example. Go to Luke, the first chapter beginning with the 13<sup>th</sup> verse:

“...the angel said unto him...

That is Zacharias, the priest.

...Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord...” Luke 1:13–15.

This is John the Baptist. He was great in whose sight? The Lord’s. Now, he was a miracle child, wasn’t he? Elizabeth was past the child-bearing age, but that was no problem for the Lord. My point is that among all the babies that were born in Judea at that time, there wasn’t one of them that could do the job. There had to be a special one born for that job. Do you follow me?

And what was his job?

“...many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” Luke 1:16–17.

What was John’s business? Prepare a people. Now, this was Christ’s first coming, wasn’t it? Yes. Did John do his job? Did he get some people ready? Why, yes. Christ’s first disciples were people that John had attracted and inspired and trained, such as Andrew and Peter and James and John and Philip and Nathaniel. Those were all John’s disciples, and there were others. They were John’s disciples before they were Christ’s disciples.

My point is that God used John to get them ready, and that there wasn’t anybody else to do that job the way John did it. John was born for that job.

Let’s go to the book of Jeremiah and take another example:

“Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,  
Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before  
thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee...”  
Jeremiah 1:4–5.

That is, I set you apart.

“...and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations”  
Jeremiah 1:5.

God didn’t wait until Jeremiah grew up and then look over the field and say, “Well, perhaps there’s a man we can use.” It was the other way around. God planned Jeremiah to be born at that time to do that job.

Only this morning, I was looking up in a file some letters from Elder W. C. White that he wrote me 50 years ago. It refreshed in my mind some experiences that I have read concerning Elder W. C. White.

Elder W. C. White was the son of Ellen White, God's prophet to the remnant. He helped his mother in the publishing of her books all through the years after his father's death. So for 35 years, he stood by his mother's side, and then after her death, he continued to carry on that work.

Sister White was shown in vision that this was the work that her son, W. C. White, was to do. She quoted the words of the Savior concerning W. C. White, who called him, "My servant, W. C. White." And the Lord Jesus said that in this work of helping her get out the books:

"For this work he was born" *Manuscript Releases*,  
Volume 18, page 180.

Well, this goes along with what the Lord said about Jeremiah and John the Baptist, and Moses, and Esther. You see my point? Now you and I may say, "Well, that is all very wonderful concerning those few special people, but I'm just part of the common herd."

No, no. God wants it to be just as true of you. What did I read here in *the Ministry of Healing*, page 476?

"Every man has his place in the eternal plan of heaven"  
*Ministry of Healing*, page 476.

I repeat, dear ones, you'll never be able to do the work that God put you here at Wildwood to do, and get the experience that God put you here to get unless you understand this principle. If you suppose that it doesn't make any great difference whether you are here or in any one of a hundred other places, you miss the point entirely. And that doesn't mean, I want to make it clear right at the beginning, that everybody ought to be at Wildwood. Not at all. If God had wanted everybody at Wildwood, He would have had to make it very much bigger. You can see that.

But it does mean that this special place is to be filled by special people who have been born for this opportunity. And if you're that one—if you're not, you shouldn't be here because somewhere else is where you belong, and where you can accomplish the most, and learn the most, and do the most for God. It would be a shame for you to miss that opportunity somewhere else. But, if God's plan and purpose is for you to be here, it would be a shame, a real shame, for you to miss that. Wouldn't it? Do you see what I am getting at?

Well, you say, "Brother Frazee, how will I know?" Well, I want to study some of that with you. But you won't even be interested in knowing unless you know that you can know unless you know there is such a thing. Nobody is digging for gold on this campus, I mean literal—gold, because nobody thinks it is around. I don't think so, either. But if I thought so, and it was my business to look for gold, I'd be getting

all the help I could to find the gold hidden in these rocks and on this soil. Wouldn't you, if that was your job, and you thought it was here?

Well, my point is, there is something here more precious than gold. But you've to know that God has called you to it. And if you know that, there are not offers enough, or calls enough, or inducements enough, or bribes enough, or threats enough in this world to keep you from it.

It isn't merely that Wildwood needs people who are stable. People need stability in their own experience that comes from understanding what I am studying with you this morning. It's your privilege, my dear friends, to know that God has called you to something. Jeremiah knew it. Moses knew it. John the Baptist knew it.

You remember those priests up at Jerusalem? They sent a deputation down there to the Jordan. They said, "Who are you anyway, John? Are you Elijah?"

"No."

"Are you Jeremiah?"

"No."

"Are you that prophet?"

"No."

"Are you the Christ?"

"No."

"Well, who are you, anyway?"

He said:

"...I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness... as said the prophet Esaias" John 1:23.

He knew who he was. He was a fulfillment of prophecy for that particular time.

Now I want to show you something very interesting in the life experience of John the Baptist. If you'll just stop and think about it for a minute, if you've never looked it squarely in the face: Who was John's father? Zacharias. What was Zacharias' job? He was a priest. What about the grandfather? What was his job? Zacharias' father, do you know what he was? Why, he was a priest, too. What about the great-grandfather? He was a priest, too. What about the great-great-grandfather, and the great-great-great-grandfather, and the great-great-great-great-grandfather? Way on back to grandfather Aaron? In an unbroken line, everyone right straight down the line for dozens of generations, had been a what? A priest.

What did all the relatives think John would be? A priest. Why, of course, there was no question about it. John would be a priest just like his father, and his grandfather, and his great-grandpa, and so on. Would it have been wicked if he had been a priest? No. I wouldn't say it would have been wicked, but he'd have missed his destiny. God didn't have him born to be a priest. He had him born to be what? A prophet. The forerunner of the Messiah.

But he could've missed all that and just been a priest. As I say, nothing wicked about it. It is part of God's work. So it isn't enough, my dear friends, it isn't enough to just be doing something for God. Do you follow me? Do you see? You could do many things and do something for God. But there is something that you can do for God that you were born for.

Oh, I pray that the joy of it, the thrill of it, will fill your heart. This is what kept Joseph's spirits up all the time he was a slave in Potipher's house, and a captive in the dungeon. He knew—I don't mean that he knew all about what his destiny was going to be, he knew he had one.

This leads me to the next point. It is not given to you and me to map our own destiny. It isn't God's plan that you and I shall figure out what we'd like to do.

Now for some of you, it hasn't been too long since you were in the third grade, or the fourth grade, fifth grade. Do you know what the common question you hear when some relative comes home at Christmas time or somebody visits you, and you get acquainted? Do you know what they say? "Well, Mary, what would you like to be when you grow up?" "John, what would you like to do when you grow up?"

Did you ever hear anything like that? It indicates an utter lack of understanding of what we're talking about, what we're studying about. The important question for any child is not what he would like to be when he grows up. In the first place, he doesn't know a thing about what he'd like to be. When I was that age, do you know what I wanted to be? Well, I wasn't sure whether I wanted to be a soldier in the United States Army or an artist or a Seventh-day Adventist colporteur. I was looking at all three of them when I was that age.

Well, God had something else in mind for me. But He didn't give me a vision when I was 8 or 9 years old, to tell me about it. It wasn't time for me to know. God had my case in hand, and He was putting me through the experiences necessary to bring me to the point where He could finally bring me to Wildwood. See? It took quite a while to get me ready. He's still working at it.

But I wouldn't have missed it for anything in this world. I mean my destiny. I know that God guided and planned my life. And I want every one of you to get the thrill of that, and the joy of it, and the certainty of it—of knowing that God is looking after your life, and that the only way on earth that you can miss that appointment with destiny is to deliberately turn away from His leading. That is the only way you can miss it.

But if you chase after riches, you won't get it. If you chase after recognition, you won't get it. If you chase after ease and convenience, you won't get it. I think of the things people set their minds on. They think, "Oh, if I could only have an automobile. That'll be wonderful." Well, listen, wouldn't it be too bad to sell out your destiny for an automobile? Esau sold his destiny for less than an automobile. What was it? Just a meal. There was nothing wicked about the meal, but he sold out for a meal. Think of it.

Make up your mind right here in this first class, dear friends, you put it in your own words, but oh, I hope in your heart there is born this thought: "Dear Lord, if You think enough of me to have had me born for a special job, then Lord, I'm telling you right now, that's the only thing I want to live for, is what I was born for. And I'm not going to let anything, I mean anything, interfere with that. I'm not going to let marriage, or the thoughts of courtship and marriage interfere with that. I'm not going to set my heart on getting a wife or getting a husband. I'm going to set my heart on being the man or the woman that God had me born to be. If that includes marriage, God will handle that in His own time."

But it makes a world of difference, friends, how we approach this thing. If we suppose that our great job is to get married, then we will be maneuvering and planning our career with that in mind. But if we'll put that all aside and say, "Dear Lord, there's just one thing I want, that's to be the person you meant me to be," God will take care of the marriage if He wants it.

Was John the Baptist married? No. If he had set his mind on that, he might have missed his destiny. See? Was the apostle Paul married? No. Some people think he was, and lost his companion on account of accepting Christ. I couldn't tell you. I know he wasn't married when he wrote 1 Corinthians, the seventh chapter, because he said he wasn't.

My subject is not marriage, or any of these other by-paths, or deterrents, or detours. My subject is the straight line of the guidance of God, followed by a man or a woman who knows that God has called him to a certain task. And there's just one thing he lives for and that is that one thing.

"Every man has his place in the eternal plan of heaven"  
*Ministry of Healing*, page 476.

Do you believe that? *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 326, says the same thing in a little different wording. It says:

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven... Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the Heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God" *Christ's Object Lessons*, pages 326.

Has God called everybody to be a farmer? No. Has God called everybody to be a cook? No. Has God called everybody to be a bookkeeper? No. Has God called everybody to be a plumber? No. Has God called everybody to be a doctor?

No. Has God called everybody to be a nurse? No. But God has called each person for a specific job. And He fits that all together into a wonderful pattern.

Don't misunderstand me, I wouldn't be so narrow, as to say there's only one thing you can do. There're many things you could do. But wouldn't it be wonderful to do *the* thing that you were born to do? Wouldn't it? Can you think of anything greater?

Now let me read the next sentence here in *Ministry of Healing*, page 476:

"Every man has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Whether we fill that place depends upon our own faithfulness in co-operation with God" *Ministry of Healing*, page 476.

Is it automatic, then, that I fill that place? No. Let me tell you, friends, 99 people out of 100, never fill the place they were born for. That's why there's so much restlessness in the world. That's why there are so many misfits—square pegs in round holes, round pegs in square holes. They don't fit. They weren't made to fit. Do you see what I am getting at?

Ah, wouldn't it be wonderful to know that you're where God has put you, doing the work that He's called you to do? I hope that there's somebody here this morning that as a result of this little study will begin to storm Heaven—as my dear old friend Elder Luther Warren used to put it—storm Heaven, pray until you know what God wants you to do. I don't mean to know all the paths all the rest of your life. That isn't the point. But to know that you're on course right now, right where God wants you, and are assured that He has a special job for you to do all the rest of your life, and that He'll make that clear, a step at a time.

*Ministry of Healing*, page 478. Now, Dona, I will let them hear some different voice than mine. Listen:

"Many are unable to make definite plans for the future. Their life is unsettled. They cannot discern the outcome of affairs, and this often fills them with anxiety and unrest. Let us remember that the life of God's children in this world is a pilgrim life. We have not wisdom to plan our own lives" *Ibid.*, page 478.

What? Read that one again:

"We have not wisdom to plan our own lives" *Ibid.*

"Oh yes, I know what I want to do. I know exactly what I want to do. I'm going here and there, and I'm going to get this and that, and I'm going to accomplish this and that." But what does it say?

"We have not wisdom to plan our own lives" *Ibid.*

Repeat that, will you?

“We have not wisdom to plan our own lives” *Ibid.*

Let's read that here in the Bible in Jeremiah, Jeremiah 10:23. It says it just as plain as can be. All of you who have it, let's read it together:

“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” Jeremiah 10:23.

Can I walk? Yes. Can I direct my steps? Well, if I insist. But I won't do a good job of it. I won't get where I ought to walk. Who's going to lead me? Oh, God will. Has He promised? Will He do it? Praise His name, if I'm willing. If I'm willing to put aside my wishes, my plans, my desires, my ideas and be fully submissive to God, God will lead me.

Read on:

“It is not for us to shape our future. ‘By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.’ Hebrews 11:8. Christ in His life on earth made no plans for Himself” *Ministry of Healing*, pages 478–479.

Think of it. The Lord Jesus came down to this world, and put Himself in the same relation to the Father that you and I are to be. He was as dependent on God, His Father, to guide Him as you and I are dependent. Is that true? So He didn't take over the job of guiding His own life. He was subject to His Father.

Read on:

“He accepted God's plans for Him, and day by day the Father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will. As we commit our ways to Him, He will direct our steps” *Ibid.*

Will He do it? What does it mean to “commit our ways to Him”? What does that mean? Give them to Him. Turn them over to Him. That's right. Shall we do that? Yes.

Read on:

“Too many, in planning for a brilliant future, make an utter failure” *Ibid.*

What does "brilliant" mean? “Oh, I'd love to get up there on the stage, and play the piano, and hear the applause of a thousand people.” What kind of a future is that? That's a brilliant future. Or “I'd love the glamour of the operating room. I'd



love to be there and see, and participate in those amazing things, like open-heart surgery, or something like that.”

Is anything wrong with open-heart surgery? No. It saves some lives. Is anything wrong with playing the piano? No, there doesn’t need to be. But those are examples of a brilliant future, and too many, in planning for a brilliant future, make a what? An utter failure. They plan for a brilliant future, but they make what? An utter failure.

I heard somebody say, “When a man is twenty, he builds a castle, when he’s forty, he builds a doghouse.” Isn’t that too bad? Why friends, you don’t need to build a doghouse. You can be the man God meant you to be. You can be the woman God planned you to be. You can do the most wonderful thing in Heaven or earth—do the job you were born for.

All right. Read on:

“Too many, in planning for a brilliant future, make an utter failure. Let God plan for you. As a little child, trust to the guidance of Him who will ‘keep the feet of His saints.’  
1 Samuel 2:9” *Ibid.*

As a what? A little child. Don’t forget the little. It takes a pretty little one these days to find one like this. But a little child trusts his father and mother. Doesn’t he?

I love to think of that little boy in Chicago, who was going down with his father on one of the busy streets in the loop, the downtown business area, with hundreds of people up and down the sidewalk. The father thought he’d test the little fellow, and he looked down and said, “Sonny, where are we going?”

“Daddy, I don’t know. But you do.” That’s the little child.

Now read it again:

“As a little child, trust to the guidance of Him who will  
‘keep the feet of His saints’ 1 Samuel 2:9” *Ibid.*

Now comes this sentence that I’ve wanted to get to. All this other is preliminary. Listen to this tremendous sentence. You’ve heard it, some of you, a hundred times. Somebody may be hearing it for the first time this morning. It’s a keynote. It rings like a bell. Listen:

“God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him” *Ibid.*

Now can I make an assignment in this class? My assignment is to memorize that sentence. I want you to memorize that sentence. I want every one of you to

know it letter-perfect. That's my only assignment between now and next Thursday. Just this one sentence. Will you all do that? Now, some of you will have to go over it 10 times to memorize it. Some of you may take 50 times to memorize it. But I'll guarantee this, if you go over it enough times, you'll have it memorized. Every one of you already knows 10,000 things that you've memorized. You can memorize this if you just go over it often enough.

Now, read it again:

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him" *Ibid.*

You know, there's a man up in Heaven now that once lived in this world for 120 years, and he's up there in Heaven. What's His name? Moses. Is He glad He went the road He went? Sure He is. Why? Because now He's up there with God who sees the end from the beginning. Moses can look it all over now from his birth, and his being in that little ark in the bulrushes, and growing up in Goshen, and then on to Pharaoh's daughter, and then out to Midian for 40 years as a shepherd, and then 40 years leading God's people. He looks it all over and he says, "Lord, you did a wonderful job of guiding my life." Doesn't he? Do you suppose he ever thanks Jesus? I'm sure he does.

And listen, you and I are heading to sing the song of Moses. We need to have an experience in knowing that God has led us all the way. Has He led you?

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if..." *Ibid.*

"Oh, then Lord, let me see the end from the beginning, so I will choose what you choose."

No. That isn't the program. Moses never stood on Mt. Nebo until the last day of his life, then he looked over the whole thing. God doesn't take you up to Mt. Nebo and show you your whole life in prospect. No. This takes faith. This takes commitment. This takes surrender to God without knowing what's ahead. It means to sign your life away to Jesus, without reading all the fine print. You say, "Dear Jesus, if You gave everything for me, I'll give everything for You. If You love me enough to live for me, and die for me, and rise for me, and plead for me, and come for me, then I can trust You. Lord, I'll go anywhere You want me to, I'll do anything You want me to, I'll be anything You want me to be." That is commitment.

When we have that, dear friends, we don't have to see the end from the beginning. We leave that with God. He sees the end from the beginning. And He takes on the job of *minutely* guiding in our affairs. You know what I believe, dear friends? I say I believe it, I know it. God looks after even all the little interruptions in my life. Yes, He does. He works them all together. I wish I could always remember it, but I'm trying to learn the precious lesson. You had just as well learn it, you nurses on duty. I was a nurse on duty over 50 years ago. I know what happens.

You're doing one thing, and here a bell rings, and you're supposed to do something else. Have you ever had that happen? Yes.

We must have in our hearts a firm assurance that God is running our program, and everything that affects us is under His control. He won't let anything touch us, except by His permission. But we can mix that all up, and mess it all up just by being rebellious. By a failure to make a full surrender, we can just make that whole thing Topsy-turvy. But if we're willing, then there are not devils enough in hell, nor men enough, nor committees enough, nor weather enough, nor interruptions enough, to spoil the working out of God's plan and program.

Read that sentence again:

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him" *Ibid.*

Notice that other "if." It isn't just if they could see the end from the beginning. That's about as far as a lot of people get. But that's only half of it, and the smaller half. Even if God would show me the end from the beginning, unless I discern the glory, I wouldn't appreciate it. We must discern the glory.

What does "discern" mean? It means to see, but it means more than to see. It means to understand what it's all about. Let me illustrate it. Did those soldiers at Calvary see Jesus hanging on the cross? Did they discern? No. They didn't discern. Proof? Why, instead of looking at that wonderful sacrifice, they got into a game there at the foot of the cross shooting dice to see who'd get His clothes. They didn't discern at all. They'd just as well been pigs or dogs as far as any comprehension of what was going on was concerned. They didn't discern the glory.

There are people, believe me, that come and go on this campus for a few hours, days, weeks, months, years, and never know what's going on, on this campus. They don't discern. They see certain things, but they don't discern. Oh, I want God to anoint our eyes that we may not only see but discern. What do you say?

And listen, dear ones, if you discern the glory of the purpose which you are fulfilling as coworkers with God, you'll thank God for every opportunity to have a part in working out that glorious purpose. Do you see what I mean? Listen, friends, that's what David meant when he said:

"...I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,  
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" Psalm 84:10.

Just a janitor. Just a man to open up the church and close it. I'd rather be that in God's program than to have all the glory, and the honor, and the fame, and the riches that the world can offer. It is a glorious purpose.

I'm going to close at this point, and I want to hear from you. And dear ones, listen: This is a class, and a class has various ways of learning things. Part of my method, not mine, but the method I use as a teacher, is to get people to participate. So I want you to participate.

I want to know one thing that you got this morning. As I sometimes tell the boys and girls when I am talking to them, if we were out here on the lawn and I had a ball and threw it to you, what would you do? Well, you'd catch it. Then what would you do? Throw it back, wouldn't you?

Did you catch anything this morning? Did you? Did you catch something? Throw it back. I want to learn.

"Well," you say, "I got several things."

Don't tell me several things. Just tell me one thing. Somebody else will pick up something else. Just quickly, without losing one minute of precious time, just say what you got that has blessed your soul to the glory of our King Jesus.

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