Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DISCOVERING THE GIFTS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

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LESSON 2: CALLING - EQUIPMENT - GIFTS

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1. In order to be able to serve the Lord with boldness, a person must be secure in his calling. If you are not sure about your calling you will be very insecure in what you are doing for the Lord. Many people pray, "If I only knew my calling I would be able to do something for the Lord."

All believers in Christ are called to serve the Lord. Luke 9:1-5; 10:1-5; 10:17-22; Matthew 28:18-20

There are some Christians who incorrectly believe that only people called for full-time service for the Lord will get a calling. **2 Peter 1:1-11**

There are also other Christians who have fixed themselves upon a "Geographical Calling." There are times when God will give a geographical call when it is needed but the general call is into a ministry type. **Romans 1:1-6**

Specific callings will come as they are needed. Acts 16:6-10

2. In order to understand your calling, you must be aware of the gifts that God has placed in you.

God is not going to call a person into a specific ministry without first having equipped the Christian with the gifts needed to do the job.

God does not give a gift or a talent to a Christian that he does not have the capacity to develop. **Matthew 25:14-30**

- 3. If you have received a task to perform for the Lord, it is very important that you receive the equipment and power to do the job. God has three ways of equipping His people:
 - a. He will move supernatural power through you, beyond what you can do in your own personal strength. The apostle Paul experienced this.
 Acts13:6-12
 - b. God can release power and talent that He has already placed in you. This is what happened to Gideon. **Judges 6:1-27**
 - c. If you do not have the resources in you, God can use another person or persons to be your helper. **Exodus 4:10-16**

