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Dear Believer:

Blessings to you in Jesus Christ who is our Law giver, our Judge, and our King.

A single page is so little space in which to share, but I want to try to convey something that I am hearing from almost every segment of the Body of Christ. Chuck Swindol, Tony Evans, Dr. Dobson, and many, many others are in various ways proclaiming the same message. Each of these ministers and others has been speaking on relationships. Most have been specifically addressing marriage. They seem to have different reasons, but the core reason of God, which is behind each one, is to prepare us for the proper functioning of the Body of Christ. The overarching theme in each message is proper positioning.

Recently the Lord gave me a message that I have been sharing in each place where I have spoken. I want to give you the core of it with the scriptures so you may search it out and meditate on the importance of it. Essentially, the message is: God is not concerned with your gifting, calling, or anointing. We have put too much emphasis on these things for too long. God's concern is with your relationship with Him and others and your proper positioning in the Kingdom.

2 Chron 30:9 says that if the people of Israel will return to the Lord, then those who have been carried away as prisoners into Assyria will receive better treatment and they will one day return to the land of Israel. In other words when we maintain a proper relationship with God it affects (benefits) believers everywhere.

Numbers 11 shows Moses calling out 70 elders of Israel. Two do not respond properly and remain in the camp. The gifting and calling are there. The anointing for the job comes with evidence of such anointing. But the net result is confusion and those who should be followers calling out for Moses to forbid them to function. In other words leadership which is not properly related and positioned brings confusion. In Numbers 12:1 we see Miriam and Aaron complaining about Moses' choice of a wife. In verse 2 we see an improper handling of a personal conflict quickly escalate into a false spiritual accusation. There is so much more to say about this, but space only allows me to say it is not about gifting, calling or even anointing, it is about proper relationship with God and proper positioning in the body.

Sincerely,
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