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MADE AN OVERSEER BY THE HOLY GHOST

We have been studying about the ministry of the Holy Ghost

Scripture ACTS 20:27-28

Introduction- WHO IS IT THAT ORGANIZES THE CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

1. While Christ was on earth He chose His Apostles and gathered His disciples Math 10,
2. Paul told the Elders from Ephesus that the Holy Ghost had made them overseers of the flock
3. How are the leaders and workers in the Church today chosen?

I.- GOD CHOOSES HIS SERVANTS TODAY AS HE DID IN DAYS OF OLD

A. THERE IS A CALLING OF GOD TODAY!

1. Paul spoke much of his calling- Rom 1:1, All Christians are called saints I Cor 1:2
2. but not all are called to be overseers -Acts 20:28

3. Often God made known his calling through appointed men- Titus 1:5- Timothy

B. THE HOLY SPIRIT ORGANIZES GIFTED MEN INTO A CHURCH

1. The Spirit gives gifts to men- I Cor 12:8 - wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles - etc
2. These men are then given to the Church- Eph 4:11 - of servants, not apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers - given to the church -
3. Whether appointed (as Paul, Titus, Timothy) or elected, (as Philip, Stephen,) the Spirit leads

C. THE CALLING AND ORGANIZING IS NOT OF THE WILL OF MEN, BUT OF GOD

1. The calling and new birth to make us Christians was not of man's will- John 1:13 - Not of man
2. Neither must be the Pastor, Evangelist, Missionary, Deacon, Treasurer- or any other officer.
3. No job in the church is too hard for the one Called of God, or easy enough for one who is not.

II.- TODAY WE NEED CHURCH OFFICERS CALLED AND APPOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. WE NEED OVERSEERS

1. There is a shortage of Pastor's, Evangelists, Missionaries-etc in our movement.
2. God called me to be Pastor-Overseer of this church- *if I did not believe it - I'd leave - if you don't believe it - vote me out!*
3. He has blessed us to let us have the responsibility of training several Pastors-etc - *I believe in letting them get experience - but I am the Pastor*

B. WE NEED DEACONS AND OFFICERS

1. A lot of people that the professional ministry should be the goal of every Christian- NO.
2. We have a good crew of elective Church officers - any who are not God called won't accomplish.
3. Soon we will have a committee- to refer to the Church- men to be elected- God's elect. not ours - *and we will seek God's will for coming years*

B. WE NEED HELPERS AND LABORERS

1. Some people think you must have an office to work for the Lord- just is not so.
2. Some of the most important jobs are not ordained, licensed, or elected- ex. soulwinner! *little*
3. Even to clean the church, mow the lawn, plant the flowers, pick up a hymn book from floor, pocket some trash, the important thing is are you Spirit led and appointed to do it.

III.- WHY DO WE HAVE CONFUSION IN THE HARVEST IF THE SPIRIT DIRECTS THE WORK?

A. WE HAVE CONFUSION BECAUSE OF WRONG MOTIVES IN THE HEART OF CHURCH MEMBERS

1. Some want the things of the World, but someone got them into a church job- no heart, or time
2. Some want a Church office because of personal acclaim and vain glory. *(The Pastor is loved, respected, honored & all others know that)*
3. Some want the blessing of serving the Lord- and the sinful pleasures of the world both!

B. WE HAVE CONFUSION BECAUSE OF WRONG ATTITUDES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Some expect to be begged to serve the Lord- I'll beg you to accept Christ- but not to serve
2. Some expect to be babied into service - *but we need men - not babies -* *God should serve for Jesus*
3. Some expect great power- then they will serve- but God lets Jeffrey Mc Mill & Wall, do pretty

C. GOD CALLS, JESUS DIED, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ORGANIZES

1. God draws men to Jesus - and into the service of Jesus Christ
2. It was Jesus part to die on the cross, that we might have forgiveness, raise- we have power
3. The Holy Spirit woos men's hearts to Jesus, and then into the right place of service.

~~Will you accept the calling of God~~

Concl. WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CALLING OF GOD AND THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE SPIRIT?

1. GOD is calling you to be saved- to become a saint by believing on Jesus Christ
2. The spirit is calling you into the Body of Christ- the Church, and into a place of service.
3. The decision is up to you- what will you do?

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