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**Rest In Your Calling ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2004/5/25 9:49**

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Eph. 4:11-13.

Bro. Chip Brogden said in his CD series "Ministry of the Prophet" that in Christ "our life is not our decision, but our discovery of Christ's decision for our life" ... So I've concluded that whatever "calling" He chooses us to we must learn to rest in Him in that calling, for the Word says that He will not put anything on us that we can't bear, and that we can do/bear all things thru Him ... It's not by our might, nor by our power, but by the power of His Spirit thru us ....

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The bottom line is that whatever our calling is in the five fold ministry, but especially if we're called by Christ as one of these two most unpopular, we should as Sister Chanin shared with me, not only rest in that calling, but become that calling ... I've had to learn that I don't have to qualify, justify, amplify or deny my calling, all I've got to do is be my calling, and rest in my calling.

Thanks SermonIndex, all you forum members, and You foremost Lord, for bringing me further out of satan's darkness, and even deeper into Your marvelous light ... Amen

PS - Let us pray hard for our pastor/teachers for they have the toughest calling of all.

**Re: REST IN YOUR CALLING ... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/25 11:22**

Bless you brother,

Love your honesty. Think you hit on it right here:

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As you well know, there is only The One that needs to be of concern and I guess it would fall to the definition of what is meant by "your fellow man". If it's the brethren certainly the hope is that we are all of a teachable spirit and that I find is predominate amongst us (Praise God!), but to the unregenerate, the prideful, the hardhearted it would not only be expected but also validating, not in a smarmy way but in the sense of "if they persecuted Me, they will persecute you".

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Amen. Me to brother, me to