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E.G.O...."Edging God Out"

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2 Kings 5:1-14

In 2 Kings 5 we're told of the story of Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. Naaman, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Naaman was a man that had major accomplishments in his life and he also had a major ego, but he had a condition that threatened who he perceived he was. He was a leper.

Power Lunch and especially to the men of God I want you to know that ego can cause you to edge God out of your life.

Ego is a cultural phenomenon that will cause us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Ego often drives us to a place where we are trying to impress people that aren't thinking about us and trying to acquire things that make us feel more important. Ego often times comes off as an overwhelming display of confidence when in most cases it's no more than a giant manifestation of insecurity. We can see the insecurity of ego in the story of Naaman. Although Naaman was this great man he had the insecurity of being a leper.

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Are you Fulfilling your Purpose?

By Min. Ralph Paige

Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began 2 Timothy 1:9 (KJV).

What is Purpose? Webster's dictionary defines purpose as a reason for existence the reason for which something exists or for which it has been done or made. As men of God created in his image and likeness our purpose in life is to fulfill the work of the Lord. Everything God created he spoke to it and it came to life. This holds true for man; also man came out of God and must remain related to God in order to live. As the plants need dirt and the fish need water, man needs God. It is necessary for man to fulfill his divine purpose in God.

In our daily lives we look at the natural when we should look at the spiritual. God see the spiritual because he created us. He expects to find inside each person the thing he created. The second we start to settle down and become satisfied with what we have, we lose the possibility of revealing what is really inside us. Our purpose equals our calling. God considers you're calling as something holy – something that you're to set yourself apart to fulfill. It's an invitation to a vocation that makes you unique, as well as valuable, to the world around you. It's something that He's design for you, and only you, to do. Your calling is the way God plans to make an impact on the world through you. It's nothing that you earned, or can earn. He purposed it for you, so it's part of your makeup.

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Scripture of the Month Psalm 32: 1-2

1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 2 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

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What insecurity is operating in our lives that we cover it up with ego and thus begin to edge God out of the fabric and plan for our life?

Naaman's ego was evident when he was told by the prophet what he needed to do in order to be healed of his leprosy. He began to edge God out of his life, because he felt that his perception of how important he thought he was wasn't worthy to be subjected to a dirty river in order to be healed. In his mind this river and method of healing was beneath his standard of how he expected to be healed and saw himself.

What a sad commentary of our lives when we as men and Power Lunchers' possibly miss the move of God, because our egos say to God I expected you to do it another way in my life. Naaman almost edges God out of his life by way of ego, because God's process for healing and restoration did not meet his ego filled requirement.

Men of God and Power Lunch never let your ego allow you to miss the move and plan of God for your life. We need to follow Naaman's example and subject our egos, life and obedience to the will and plan of God.

God can fix whatever we need him to address in our lives if we could only learn to trust him, follow his instructions and kill our egos.

Never allow your ego to "Edge God Out" of your life! Do what God instructs you to do even when it seems beneath what you feel is necessary for your life. God's plan always leads us to healing, restoration and wholeness, just don't "Edge God Out" with ego.

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"But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance..." 2 Timothy 3:10 (NKJV).

Let's take a look at Paul. Paul was a man of purpose as much as he was a man of faith, love, or patience; and he lists that as something Timothy was to follow. I'm convinced that in order for us to fulfill our purpose, we must also become people of purpose. You'll never find the satisfaction, or the fulfillment that's out there for you, until you tap into your calling. The moment Paul embraced his destiny and began to fulfill his purpose, he began an adventure that lasted for the rest of his life. He had no idea where his new purpose was going to take him, but he lived it fearlessly.

Just as important, your calling is part of your salvation. God saved you and called you with a holy calling. No more do you have to wander aimlessly through life. No more do you have to regret climbing out of the bed in the morning. You can look forward to each day knowing that it's going to count for something more than to the benefit of your employer. And in order to allow your salvation to have its full effect in your life, you must not reject the purpose that you've been called to.

Once a Believer embraces his purpose and begins fulfilling his calling, things will begin to co-operate with him. The world around him will become a fellow-worker with him for his good. Things will begin to work to his benefit and well-being. God created man, he created man's spirit, body and soul to walk in his divine order. God has given every man three key principles to life; Purpose, Potential and Power. There's a need for you to seek God until He begins to enlighten you as to what your purpose is. This will take some work and some patience on your part. Then once He shows you, you will have to be diligent to do it. Your determination will eventually lead to your destiny. Brothers go and fulfill your Purpose in God.

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