

THE BRIDE'S BILL OF RIGHTS 48

THE RIGHT TO A MINISTRY

MATTHEW 8:14

14 ¶ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

MATTHEW 8:15

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: **AND SHE AROSE, AND MINISTERED UNTO THEM.**

I CORINTHIANS 16:15

15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ***MINISTRY** of the saints,)

MINISTRY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1248
diakonia {dee-ak-on-ee'-ah}
service, ministering, the service of those who prepare and present food

THE.BELIEVER'S.POSITION.IN.CHRIST_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_ 55-0116A

E-11.....Many times people go out and see an evangelist, like for instance our Brother Billy Graham. What good would it do for me to try to be like Billy Graham? I couldn't do it if I had to. I've got a ministry that I've got to take care of. **And the next man's got his ministry, and each one has got a ministry. EVEN TO THE HOUSEWIFE HAS A MINISTRY, OF MINISTERING THE WORD OF GOD.**

FELLOWSHIP_ MIDDLETOWN.OH SATURDAY_ 60-0611B

E-5.....Each one of us has a different ministry; each one works different. Each one of you has a ministry, a separate ministry. **All that comes into Christ has a ministry. That's right. Not only the preacher, but you have a ministry to something, you--something you can do.** And (I hope this don't sound sacrilegious), but **usually God has to drive you into your correct ministry.**

JEHOVAH.JIREH_ LONG.BEACH.CA THURSDAY_ 61-0209

E-6.....**But each one of us has a work to do. Each one of us has a ministry,** and the peculiarity of it, and so forth, it all is together to glorify God, all working together for good. Now, the Lord be with us and help us.

I CORINTHIANS 12:12

12 ¶ For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

I CORINTHIANS 12:14

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

I CORINTHIANS 12:15

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

I CORINTHIANS 12:16

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

I CORINTHIANS 12:17

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

I CORINTHIANS 12:18

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

THIS.GREAT.WARRIOR.DAVID_ CHICAGO.IL TUESDAY_ 55-0118

E-28.....The Scripture said, "Those who he has called, he has justified; and those who he has justified, he hath glorified." Amen. In the Presence of Almighty God **your name's indelibly wrote with the Blood of Jesus Christ**, glorified in His Presence, positionally placed here on earth for a purpose, to do the will of God. **You see your position, Christian?**

THIS.GREAT.WARRIOR.DAVID_ CHICAGO.IL TUESDAY_ 55-0118

E-41 You say, can that... "Well, Brother Branham, I wasn't called to be a preacher." You might be called to be a housewife, **but you got your position in Christ Jesus by the Holy Ghost.** Amen. You're just as much David as the rest of them was.

ADOPTION.1_ JEFF.IN AD.1 SUNDAY_ 60-0515E

110.....The church, positionally, before the foundation of the world, **when God in His labor pain was bringing forth, bringing forth you**, knowing what you would do, He positionally placed you into His Own Body, **to be a housewife, to be a farmer, to be a preacher, to be a prophet, to be this, or to be that.** He placed you positionally. Then when we have come from the garlic lands of Egypt, through sanctification and is baptized into the promised land...

ADOPTION.2_ JEFF.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY_ 60-0518

5.....**Oh, it's glorious to find your position. And no one can do anything unless you know properly what you're doing.**

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

63 Now, remember, they had the Word; and the Word was Flesh then. And the Word told them, "I give you power." Amen! "I give you power." **And they had the power, but they didn't have faith to operate the Word that was in them.** See what I mean? But Jesus had it, He was the Word, and He had faith that what He said would happen. He said, "Oh, bring him here. How long will I suffer you?"

64 **He had faith, with His power.** How did He? He said, "I can do nothing in Myself." Why? **He relied upon what He was; He relied in knowing that He was the Word.** And He had faith in God, Who made Him the Word. He was God (the Word), and they was in Him, **and that give Him faith because He understood His position.** He knowed what He was, because the Scripture had said He was this. And here every Scripture tied in, to prove that He was exactly what the Scripture said He would be, **and He knew what He was.**

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

65 **Therefore, He relied upon what God had made Him. And if He did that, then can't we rely upon what God made us as believers?** "These signs shall follow them that believe!" He had faith in what He was. And if you are a believer, **you have faith in what you are: you are a believer!** And if you've got faith in God, the Bible says over here in... "If our--if our hearts condemn us, then we can't have faith; **but if our hearts don't condemn us, then we have faith,** we have confidence towards God." If you want to read that, found in Saint John 3:21. I got the Scripture written down there.

66 Now notice, Saint John... I mean First John 3:21. Notice. ... if our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence towards God.

67 **But as long as you're doing things that's wrong, you can't have confidence towards God.** So, you see, you can... you'll automatically know that you're wrong.....

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

68 **Now, the only thing you have to do then, is have faith in what you are. Have faith in what the Word says you are!** And Jesus had faith in the Word of God, that said what He was, "It is written of Me." Didn't David, in the Psalms; and the prophets, and all of them speak of Him? "I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven." Amen! "I am that Tree of Life from the garden of Eden. I am all these things, I AM THAT I AM." **And He knew with that Perfect Faith, that He was the anointed Messiah,** that the Spirit of God was upon Him. He

said, "Now, I, in Myself, do nothing; but it's My faith in God." And God was in Him, the Word made manifest. **And when the Word of God comes in you, It's made manifest, for you are a believer. See? AND A BELIEVER IS "THE FAITH OF GOD THAT MOVES IN YOU."**

69 You like that? I--I--I like when you... I like teaching of where the... how to... what faith really is.

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

93 Jesus had Perfect Faith. He--He had it, and it come because He was the Word. **And you become the Word; you become the Word, as you receive the Word.** "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you. My Words which..." (this Word) "abides in you, then ask what you will, and it'll be done for you.".....

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

94 Now, watch! Now, and He said to us, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you," Saint John, here, "you can ask what you will, it'll be done." **Then, recognize your position in the Scripture, as a believer. See, you've got to recognize your position, as He recognized His position.....**

PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_ 63-0825E

97 Now, you must believe what you ask for. **If you are a believer, recognize yourself as a believer. Recognize that these things are for you.**

98 If there's condemnation in your life, straighten that first.....

JEHOVAH.JIREH.2_ LOUISVILLE.MS FRIDAY_ 64-0403

51 As we follow this great patriarch, Abraham, in the lesson tonight, **may we find our position, knowing that we are children of Abraham, by faith in Christ.....**

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD THURSDAY_ 61-0112

519-Q-109

109. **HOW DOES ONE KNOW THEIR RIGHTFUL POSITION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST?**

That's a good one, very good. "How does..." That'd be the kind of question amongst many of us here tonight: "How do you rightfully know?" Now, I'm presuming that this brother wants to know "What position, what in Christ, what part of Christ do I play?"

Now, for instance, I'd say like this, brother, to give you the best answer I know. **Your position is--in Christ is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit.** And then if you want to know whether it's the Holy Spirit or not, find out whether He blesses what you're doing, or not. And if He blesses it, then that's Him. If He doesn't bless...

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD THURSDAY_ 61-0112

519-50 Like someone said to me not long ago, said, "The Lord called me to preach."

I said, "Well, then preach." See? And so he--he... I really think it's so... Satan, if he can just get somebody as to act like that and then deceive them, that's just what he wants to do. **Then the whole world points their finger right there.** Somebody thinks they have a gift of speaking in tongues and interpretation; some has the gift of Divine healing; some has these things like...

Sometimes they're mistaken in those things. See? **And sometimes they think they haven't got it when they have. So it's very tricky.**

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD THURSDAY_ 61-0112

519-52 So always do this, brethren, whenever you feel that you're supposed to do a thing, first find out if it's Scriptural for you to do it, if it's in the Scriptures, not just wrote in one place, but I mean completely Scriptural through the Bible for you to do it, your position, say if you'd be an evangelist, pastor, teacher, prophet, whatever that God might've called you to be. You see? Or if you have the gift of tongues, gift of interpretation, gift of any--any kind of the nine spiritual gifts in the church, and the four spiritual offices of the church, any position, first see if God called.

Then, usually, way I watch it for myself, just... This is me. **I watch the nature of the person and see what kind of a gift that they're professing.** See, God will work with His creature the way He's made him. See? He'll make a creature...

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD THURSDAY_ 61-0112

520-54 If you see him real flighty and going on, you--and he says, "The Lord called me for such and such a--to be a pastor." **Now, a pastor can't be a flighty person. A pastor's solid, sound.** See?

"God called me to be a teacher." And watch him how he interprets the Word. See? **He gets It all mixed up and everything, then you can tell.** See?

But then, the thing to do, your position is usually known whether you can do it or not.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD THURSDAY_ 61-0112

520-57 **Now, when God called me to be an evangelist, I wanted to be a pastor.** And I thought staying at home here would just be fine.

And the Lord called me.....

.....And my calling was an evangelist. The morning... Laying right here at this cornerstone, if we could burst in there tonight, you'll see a flyleaf off of my Bible where He told me to be an evangelist.

See? **And I wasn't a successful pastor, never would be, because I haven't got the patience and what it takes to be a pastor.** See? So therefore, if I tried to pastor, I would just be as far out as a pastor is trying to be an evangelist.

See what I mean? **You can see the way the Lord calls you, what your position is in the Body.....**

INVESTMENTS_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_ 63-0126

43 I asked my brethren. Don't try to take the place of nothing but a businessman, whatever God has called you to do. Don't try

to be preachers, 'cause we have a hard enough time, keep It straight, anyhow. And you get It mixed up. **So let's just stay what God calls us to be.** And I think, to the laity, it's a good thing for us to try to remain.

44 **Don't try to impersonate somebody else. See? Be just what you are.** We'd all like to be a Billy Graham, an Oral Roberts. We'd all like to be that. **But, remember, in the Kingdom of God and His great economy, if we'll be the doormat, if that's our place, we'll be just as much as they are.** See? **BUT YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR POSITION OF WHERE CHRIST HAS PLACED YOU.....**

INFLUENCE_ NY.NY V-18 N-9 THURSDAY_ 63-1114

58 **Don't never try to take the other fellow's place.** God made you a certain thing, and you stay that. Certain. You stay just what you are. Don't try to impersonate the other. **That's what always ruins the gifts that God sends to the world.** We find so many carnal impersonations, and we find someone who tries to copy after the other one.....

INFLUENCE_ NY.NY V-18 N-9 THURSDAY_ 63-1114

61 And you're just as important as Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, or any of those famous men. **You're just as important until you get out of your place, and then you're no good at all, you--you're--you're a hindrance to--to these men, and you're a hindrance to yourself and the Kingdom of God.** Stay in your position. See? Stay what God made you, see, and then you'll operate right.

62 As Paul, it's not nothing new, Paul taught the same thing, said, "If the hand shall say to the eye, 'because I'm not of the eye,' or the ear say to the nose, 'I--I'll no more be an ear, because I'm not the nose,'" or something. You, you can't do that. **See, it all fitly sets together and moves as one great unit.**

INFLUENCE_ NY.NY V-18 N-9 THURSDAY_ 63-1114

63 **And we mustn't try to impersonate anyone. Just be what you are, see, and that's the way God made you.** You never fashioned yourself. And, remember, as much as we

ministers would like to take Billy Graham's place, we cannot do it, neither can Billy Graham take our place. **See, we, each one has something to do.** The common little fellow here that may be a janitor, the little woman that may be a housewife, **the greatest minister on the face of the earth today could not take your place.** You, God had a purpose in making you what you are, and you just serve God in that way that He made you. See? **And I think, if we would just do that, the wheels would roll a lot easier. Yes, it would, if we would do that, not get lifted up.....**

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

267 And if you are the Bride, the Bride is a part of the Husband. And if... **The only place that you'll ever recognize It, is recognize what part of that Husband (that Word) you are, or you can't recognize being the Bride.** How many sees that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See? See? **You have to recognize your position.**

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

268 **You can't recognize somebody else's.....**

THE.RAPTURE_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_ 65-1204

186.....And that's what I told the businessmen. Don't never try to take a preacher's place. No, sir. You stay right where you're at. See? You do your work, what God put, told you to do. If you're a finger, you can never be an ear. If you're an ear, you'll never be a nose, nose or eye. **See? You stay in your position.**

187 You heard that Message, other day, on the broadcast: Trying To Do God A Service. David, anointed king. All the people shouting and screaming, "It was right." But he never consulted God's prophet. And a man died, and the whole thing was marred. **Don't try to do God a favor. You wait till it's God's term. Let it come in His way of doing it. "I'll start this big thing. It'll do this." Be careful, brother.**

BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ TULSA.OK WEDNESDAY_ 60-0330

E-24 You know, as a servant of God, you ought to watch what you're doing, because you're written epistles, read of all men.

You Christians, always be willing to lend a hand or to do something to help somebody make life a little pl--more pleasant for them as they're... You say, "Well, I--I don't have any gift of healing." You don't have to have. At least offer something. Offer a prayer. Do something. Make them feel... Do the best you can by them, anyhow. **Never turn a shoulder, a cold shoulder, to anyone, no matter what it is, even if they've mistreated you. Do it anyhow. If you can't do it from your heart, then you ought to come to the altar and stay till that spirit comes in you that from your heart, you can love those who doesn't love you. THAT'S WHEN GOD WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER, FOR AS LONG AS THERE'S ANYTHING IN YOUR HEART...** "If I conceive iniquity in my heart, then God will not hear me." That's what David said, and that--that's true. **He won't hear you.**