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before He works through you*

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What if you felt that you were supposed to be a brain surgeon? On top of that, imagine that you were truly gifted with the skills necessary to attempt such surgery. Would these things alone qualify you to perform such delicate procedures? No! I suggest that you would also need some education, training, some internship to gain experience, and perhaps, after a period of proving yourself capable, your potential would be realized, appreciated, and used with some positive results. It is the same in every serious discipline of life. Our potential is only potential until we are adequately prepared to perform our calling. Some serious disciplines of life, such as marriage, family, and ministry require continual training throughout life. Even though God wants to and needs to use you for His Kingdom cause, He may choose to work in you and work on you before He ultimately works through you.

*Prayer for Today*

Dear Lord, give me the grace to accept my calling and to accept the times and seasons of preparation so that I may be fully qualified to accomplish the work You have called me to.

*Scriptures for Today*

Ephesians 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. (NKJV)

Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (NKJV)