

63. *Express Service Ministry*



I race through the stations of my day, and week and am most happy when I am pulling my load at full speed. I am recognised as going somewhere, and as being about something important.

I have self programmed myself to please those people about me who I have put on pedestals, and there is a gallery of others from parents to people diseased, who I seek approval from. I must remain high on their ratings lists. While keeping so busy I recall that Jesus did stop to acknowledge others in his path, so I do likewise, and make brief conversational chat. I use technology to enable me to affirm birthdays of people via the net. I promptly respond to emails and calls, and rarely turn off my mobile phone. On weekends and nights, I am at call during home time to all who want to contact me. I tacitly affirm this co dependency. I need to be needed. Everything depends on me. I want to be in control and not subject to random disruptions. I am a rescuer, a person of mercy who doesn't discern, I try to fix all that's broken about me. Their need is my licence to act as saviour.

It s not right, of course, to say I am defined by what I do. But I can't think of stopping and stepping outside it all. To step out of my ministry for a vac, retreat or sick leave, would mean recognising my need to repair, to confront my pain and wounds, and to truly reflect on and respond to, what the Holy Spirit says to me.

Enough of this maudlin thinking- chocks away! This is what comes from attending funerals. I must pull out of the slow lane immediately and join the ranks of those in the rush of the fast lane, where the lights are bright and the music loud. I work best under pressure. I guess God just made me a speed junkie - really I have no choice in the matter.

I am fashioned for full throttle ministry.

Didn't Descartes so profoundly say, "I do, therefore, I am".

My soul finds rest and significance in God alone **Psalm 62**

The one who dwells in the shadow of the Most High, will rest in the shelter of YHWH.
Psalm 91:1

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28**

...to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. **Luke 1:79**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
John 14:27

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; **Roman 8:6**

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Roman 12:2**

Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. **1 Peter 3:4**