



# Man, positioned to glorify God

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**We were sitting** at a restaurant, chatting over an evening menu, discussing his vision for his lifework, when I asked, “So what is the essence of what you want to do?” Without hesitation, he said, “To inspire, to move to higher ground, to uplift.”

My son was speaking about his work in the film industry. Starting out in the mail room of an agency, he had moved through a few more jobs and was now looking for his next career step. I noted that when speaking of his work, he defined it in terms of accomplishing good, not a title. Indeed, in a spiritual sense, one’s position is defined by our inherent oneness with God and the right and ability we all have to express our Soul-defined qualities and abilities.

Our position as the expression of God is established by divine Principle. In mathematics, it is the principle that orders numbers, not the numbers themselves. So, the divine Principle, not people, positions each idea according to Mind’s perfect plan and purpose. Everyone occupies his or her position as a witness of God, glorifying Him in individual ways. How comforting to know that nothing can ever separate us from our true position, for God and man are one in being.

In moving through our careers, though, sometimes we may feel separated from rewarding employment and feel stuck in a limited job. Or it may feel that our employment is drawn in the sands of a shifting business world, subject to the winds of chance, glass ceilings, mergers, and competition. Our experience may even mimic the Adam and Eve story, where Adam is tossed out of the garden of Eden, condemned to toil away in a hostile environment (see Genesis 3:23).

If we accept these limited and discordant views of employment, they can adversely affect our human situation. For example, if we expect that a task will be onerous or that a job won’t last, we may find that to be true. But we can be lifted out of these matter-based expectations and embrace the truth of our permanent, God-designed place and activity in His kingdom. Whatever job, or lack of job, we

find ourselves in, the healing Christ can show us a higher view of our unending, spiritual, right activity, and this understanding will improve our circumstances or uplift our sense of present opportunities.

Jesus demonstrated the Christ throughout his healing career. In his parable of the vine, he revealed a message that guarantees productivity (see [John 15:1–18](#)). He spoke of three related elements: Christ is the vine, we are the branches, and God is the husbandman or cultivator. Jesus said that if we abide in the vine, we will bring forth fruit. Wasn't he saying that as we abide in the consciousness of our oneness with God, which the Christ proclaims, God will cultivate, nurture, and provide everything needed for us to be productive? In this parable Jesus taught that we are never on our own, trying to be productive, but that through demonstrating our oneness with Mind, we find that divine Love is the power behind every task fulfilled.

Indeed, this is our true God-given position, one of productivity, abundance, usefulness, and joy! As we embrace this spiritual view of position, the human circumstances conform to this Christly view, and we are taken to a new place or a more fulfilling way to contribute our God-derived qualities unfolds in our current place. And since God is unbounded, we include infinite opportunities to express our beautiful, God-bestowed gifts. There are no missed opportunities. Now and always we are all poised for unlimited good.

Divine opportunity is not outlined in terms of an ideal set of human circumstances, such as higher education, a stronger economy, better connections, more experience, perfect timing, or access to a good work environment. Many may be in search of an ideal human environment. But, truly, the ideal environment, where our talents can come to full fruition, is the kingdom of heaven, which is present here and now. It is the one perfect environment, encircling all and holding all elements in ordered alignment and harmony where everyone's gifts are equally valued.

This environment is governed by Mind, so all is expressive of wisdom. It is governed by Principle, so there is ordered and progressive unfoldment. It is governed by Soul, so there is joy, spontaneity, and creativity. It is governed by Love, so there is appreciation and gratitude and nourishing support. Because we are the image of God, the kingdom is within us, so we include everything needed to flourish. Isn't this the environment that we should claim as our own, where our unique gifts must unfold?

When employment or purpose is viewed within the context of spiritual reality, it becomes clear that no person, or government, or company can give or take away opportunity. God creates all opportunities and ensures that His children have an infinite supply.

Mary Baker Eddy writes about man's infinite opportunities in this way: "God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 258).

God unfolds the opportunities that are innately yours in the kingdom of heaven. When this is realized, what happens? Opportunities become evident. Why? Because you are seeing that you include them as God's likeness. God gives to each one an eternity of fresh opportunities to express and glorify Him.

As we cherished and prayed with these ideas, that is indeed what happened with my son's work. Several offers came to him. One seemed to be just the right fit. Although, like my son, we will probably have many jobs along our careers, our position as a witness of Soul is constant and infinite in its expression and opportunities, now and always!