

GOD'S CALLING IS GOD'S INVITATION FOR ME TO LIVE HIS PLAN FOR MY LIFE,

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

6 points that defined Jesus calling!

1. The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you.
2. You will preach the gospel to the poor.
3. You will heal the brokenhearted.
4. You will proclaim liberty to the captives.
5. The recover the sight back to the blind.
6. You will set at liberty those who are oppressed.

The ultimate goal of every Christian is to look like Jesus.

To look like Jesus is to follow Jesus in both the big and small areas of your life.

Spiritual maturity is a life that consistently exhibits the calling and character of Jesus Christ.

God calls, people respond and then they discover why.

Ephesians 1:17-19 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

Here are 7 things you need to know about your life's calling:

1. My calling is a gift from God.

It's a grace gift!

Employment is something that is developed, but a calling is a gift from God!

Your calling is not necessarily your career.

Careers makes a living while calling makes a life.

Your job does not define your calling, your calling defines your job.

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

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Galatians 1:6 AMP “I am astonished and extremely irritated that you are so quickly shifting your allegiance and deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different [even contrary] gospel;”

God initiates we respond and purpose is discovered.

Our calling is by God’s grace and not defined by my your own righteousness.

2 Timothy 1:9 who has 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 to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

He has saved us and called us into a holy life.

Salvation is the entry point to discovering God's purpose and calling for our lives.

We are saved by grace through faith not of works.

When we respond to His calling our purpose is revealed.

2. I am called for God's purpose not my own.

You were not created to be the center of your universe.

Matthew 10:38-39 “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Jesus said this if you want to find your life you have to lose your own life.

Your purpose is actually discovered when you live for his purpose.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Workmanship in the Greek is the word poiēma.

It means a work of art a masterpiece.

You are a masterpiece.

3. God choose my calling before I was born.

Galatians 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,,

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

MSG Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.

Isaiah 44:2 Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you:

Psalms 139:16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

He wrote your story with a great ending.

You are a masterpiece.

Roman's 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God choose you and called you before you were born.

4. My sins and mistakes do not change my call.

They hurt, they delay, they hurt other people but they do not change the call.

What somebody else did to you doesn't change God's good intentions for your life.

1 Timothy 1:12-13 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

God is merciful towards us and looks past the circumstances of our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Man looks at our track record but God looks at our heart.

God sees something in you that others cannot see.

God's calling is greater than your failures.

5. My calling is permanent.

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

You may have wasted decades of time but God is still waiting on you.

As long as you're willing to get into his presence and repent you're still in the game.

It's a permanent call.

6. God empowers me to accomplish what He calls me to do.

It is not uncommon to feel overwhelmed by his calling.

God will never call you to an assignment in life that He will not equip you for.

God will never call you to an assignment in life and not give you the power to accomplish it.

God will always call you to get beyond yourself and live in faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,

1 Thessalonians 5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

7. There's a prize for living out my calling.

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The call of God is not to make a better you. The calling of God has a kingdom purpose.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things

which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

1 Thessalonians 2:12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Live the kind of life that pleases God, who called you to share in His own Kingdom and glory.

This is about me getting you to step into what God has already called you to do.

You are God's workmanship.

You are His work of art.

You are His masterpiece.