

GOD CALLING

“We are called by God to do theology, that is, to live our lives with a moment-by-moment consciousness of God.” – **Paul David Tripp**

“Calling is not only a matter and doing what we are but also of becoming what we are not yet but are called by God to be.” – **Os Guinness**

“Beware of anything that competes with loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of devotion to Jesus is service for Him...The one aim of the call of God is the satisfaction of God, not a call to do something for Him...the men and women our Lord sends out on His enterprises are the ordinary human stuff, plus dominating devotion to Himself wrought by the Holy Spirit. Be absolutely His.” – **Viktor Frankl**

“Those who have a “why” to live can bear with almost any how.” – **Viktor Frankl**

“It is not what I do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through me. God does not want worldly successes, He wants me. He wants my heart in submission to Him. Life is not just a few years to spend on self-indulgence and career advancement. It is a privilege, a responsibility, a stewardship to be lived according to a much higher calling, God’s calling. This alone gives true meaning to life.” – **Elizabeth Dole**

- We are all called by God and God is calling us to walk in a manner or worthy of our calling. The words call, called, and calling that we find in Scripture mean an invitation, a bidding to come, an authoritative calling forth, to appoint, choose, summon, or to name-implying ownership.

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;” **Ephesians 4:1-4 NASB**

“To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” **2**

**Thessalonians 1:11-12 NASB**

- Three aspects of His calling:
  - It is a Personal Call – To a Person and Unto a Person.
    - **1. Cor. 1:9** – We’re called into fellowship with His Son.
    - **Romans 1:6** – We are the called of Jesus Christ.
    - **Galatians 5:1-8** – It is Him who calls Us.
    - **1 Peter 5:10** – We are called by the God of all grace.
    - **1 John 3:1-3** – We are called children of God.
    - **Hebrews 3:1** – It is heavenly calling through Jesus Christ.
    - **Philippians 3:13-14** – It is the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
    - Calling is not only a matter of being and doing what we are but also of becoming what we are not yet but are called by God to be. – **Os Guinness**
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- It is the Purposeful Call – There is a purpose to His call.
  - **Galatians 5:13** – It is a call to freedom.
  - **1 Thessalonians 4:1-7** – It is a call to sanctification and purity.
  - **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** – It is a call to His salvation through the work of His Spirit and faith in the Truth.
  - **1 Timothy 6:12** – It is a call to eternal life.
  - **2 Timothy 1:6-11** – It is a call to life that is stronger than death and light that is greater than darkness.
  - **Romans 9:23-24** – It is a call to discover the riches of His glory.
  - God doesn’t call people who are qualified. He calls people who are willing, and then He qualifies them. – **Richard Parker**
- The Power of His Call – It is a powerful call.
  - **1 Peter 1:13-15** – There is power in His call to make you holy.
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24** – There is power in His call to touch every part of your life – spirit, soul, and body.
  - **Romans 8:28-32** – There is power in His call to transform you into the likeness of His Son.
  - It is not what I do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through me. God does not want worldly success, He wants me. He wants my heart in submission to Him. Life is not just a few years to spend on self-indulgence and career advancement. It is a privilege, a responsibility, a stewardship to be lived according to a much higher calling, God’s calling. This alone gives true meaning to life. – **Elizabeth Dole**
- Summary: His calling is ‘not or works’ but of the sovereign grace of God (**Romans 9:11**) who 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 in Christ Jesus before times eternal (**1 Timothy 1:9**). The call that thus comes from God is ‘in Christ’ (**1 Peter 5:10**) and ‘through the gospel’ (**2 Thessalonians 2:14**), to the ‘fellowship of His Son’ (**1 Corinthians 1:9**), to ‘freedom’ (**Galatians 5:13**), not ‘for uncleanness but in sanctification’ (**1 Thessalonians 4:7**). It is therefore well designated ‘the high calling of God in Christ Jesus’ (**Philippians 3:14**), a ‘heavenly calling.’ (**Hebrews 3:1**).