

# HOW TO RESPOND

So as we have seen God has a plan for your life. He has provided a clear path on which you are to travel. Yet with so much in the Christian faith, we have the choice on whether we are obedient or not!! The faith of a real Christian is defined by doing the Will of our Father in heaven. We are **ALL** called, we are **All** Chosen and we are **All** ordained to fulfil God's call upon our lives.

How will **you** Respond?

Here are some Scripture references to encourage you to understand the calling of God as found in His Word

## Daily Readings

Monday:- Romans 12 v 1 - 8

Tuesday:- 1 Corinthians 12 v 1 - 30

Wednesday:- John 15 v 1 - 17

Thursday:- Ephesians 4 v 1 - 13

Friday:- 2 Timothy 2 v 14 - 21

Saturday:- 2 Timothy 1 v 6 - 7



Remember You are precious to God and He has a plan for your life. The final word on "callings" for your life is left to Scripture:-

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord!!

Jeremiah 29 v 11- 14

Ever felt as a Christian confusion about God's plan for your life.

Ever felt whatever you try to do for the Lord there seems to be a sense of aimlessness and dissatisfaction.

This tract is written for all those who want to know what God truly calls them to do in the different areas of their daily lives.

In this tract you will find a breakdown of what makes up a call of God. The benefits of following God's call for your life and how to discern what your calling is!!

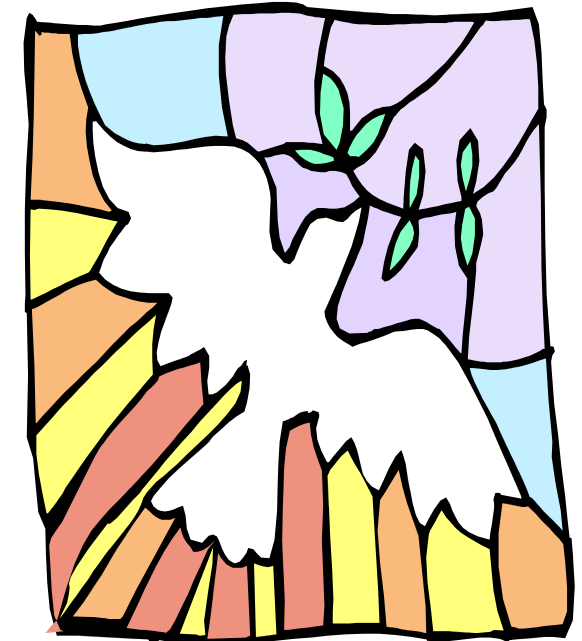
You will be given encouragement that God has ordained you to good works that will help you bring glory to Him and will release your true and full potential.

You will be challenged to live by faith, take real risks for the Lord and give your life for something that lasts forever!!



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# THE PRINCIPLES



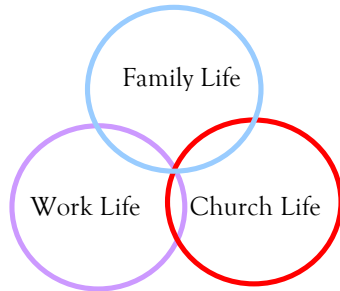
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GODLY CALLING

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EPHESIANS 2:10

One of the truths that Scripture tells us about being a Christian is that once we cross over from death to life we no longer belong to ourselves - but we belong to Jesus who has saved us. A part of this belonging to Jesus, is that God places a CALLING upon our lives, to fulfil particular purposes / work that He has prepared for us in advance to do. Every Christian has a Calling

that is particular to them and that they are responsible for!! Scripture declares to us that this is not some token gesture by God, but that He fully entrusts that particular work / calling into our hands and expects that we will do it!! This Kingdom work calling, for most people, is manifested in 3 particular ways :-



As you can see, fulfilling God's call for your life is not *just* about discerning and fulfilling your FUNCTION in the church, but His Kingdom work / calling, covers all areas of your life. The call of God on you as a believer affects every aspect of your life. It is about doing the right job He guides you to, then doing it God's way, and being "*Salt and Light*" in the work place. It is about staying single, or marrying the right person, as God leads, and building a marriage and family life on the foundations of God and His purposes for you!! In every sense, out of what God is making you as a follower of Jesus, your calling is defined. God is actively in the business of shaping you as a human being that you might do the good works that He has prepared for you beforehand to do. In every sense we ARE His workmanship !! As we fulfil God's calling upon our lives we bring glory and honour to God and God Himself benefits our lives on a number of different levels.

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COLOSSIANS 3 V 23 - 24

We have two choices about how we choose to live our lives. We can go with our best efforts and understanding and use our lives to build and do work that we think will benefit us. OR we can recognise that the very purpose that we have as a Child of God is to allow God to guide and open up for us the destiny that He calls us to. If we are prepared to work hard in discerning

destiny and being obedient to what we find there, God promises to bless us in a number of different ways :-

(1) **To follow God's call for your life is to be fully stretched and developed as a human being!** :- Because you are God's workmanship and He knows everything about you, including your potential and future, the calling that He puts on the different aspects of your life, is specifically designed to develop and mature you to the place of your full potential!!

(2) **God releases both natural and supernatural provision so that you can succeed and be effective for Him!** :- Whatever the external hardships that we encounter when following God's call for our lives, it is clear that God has not ordained us to failure. Jesus makes it clear, it is His intention that as His followers we bear much fruit for Him, because in so doing we bring glory to God. As a result of this, that which God calls us to do - He also provides the necessary provision we need to successfully accomplish His will.

(3) **Our faith is built up and deepened as we walk in the place of our calling!** :- Following God's plan for our lives is one that is both exciting and a little scary. As we listen and discern God's will, we then come to a place of stepping out in faith, taking a risk and testing God's call through action. As we do this we begin to dwell at a place where the unseen becomes seen and the provision of God is released. This deepens our faith in God's ability to guide us and leads us to take greater risks for His Kingdom.

(4) **As we are faithful in the small works that God calls us to - God opens up greater opportunities for us.** The promise of Scripture declares to us that God takes us on a journey of discovery regarding the **Good Deeds** He decides to use us in. As we are faithful using the small faith we have and are obedient to fulfil the place of small callings, we prove ourselves faithful, gain in our confidence and ability and so God allows us to take the next step of greater challenge and opportunity!! All great men and women of God have started at the place of small beginnings and taken one step at a time!

## How to discern God's specific calling on your life

**Firstly we need to know how God speaks to His people :-**

For many Christians there is a real problem in understanding how God actually speaks to His people. It is a simple fact that although God has been known to speak in an audible voice; this is not the general way that God reveals His will. God has given us His Holy Spirit and in this giving of His Spirit, God has opened up for us the possibility of discerning His mysteries and knowing His will. (1 Corinthians 2 v 10 - 16) Different ways that we can expect God to speak to us are:- circumstances of life, internal inclinations and own thought processes, other Christians, the Bible, visions, prophecies, dreams. Whatever we feel God has revealed to us, it is absolutely important that we test what we think we have heard.

**Secondly - commit our ways to God and push some doors:-** Scripture makes it clear to us that it is God Himself who opens doors of opportunity that no one can close and closes doors that no one can open. If we are prepared to commit our course of action to Him at the beginning, in a particular area of our lives, He will open and close doors in line with His will for our lives. Remember even when God closes a door for us, it may be painful, but God has spoken and actively revealed His will. We need to pick ourselves up and follow through, by committing our course again to Him and pushing another door of calling and opportunity!! (Proverbs 16 v 3)

**Thirdly - Testing processes of the church:-** When we become a Christian we are no longer alone but are incorporated into the body of Christ. As part of this process, the church has a responsibility to help you discern and test what God's calling is in your life. In today's individualistic society many Christian's stand or fall on their own openness to God or wisdom. However Scripture makes it clear that the church has a massive part to play in discerning people's callings and releasing people's gifts and good works for the Lord.

**Fourthly - Know God's will by the renewing of the mind:-** Romans 12 v 1 - 2 clearly state to us that if we are willing to forsake the world and our own plans and hand our lives freely over to the Lord, as a sacrifice - God will inspire our minds to a place of understanding regarding His calling!! It is God's desire that you are secure in all that He calls you to be and do. As a result of this His spirit renews our mind so that we might know the mind of Christ for our lives.