

## **THE CALLING: TURNING DREAMS INTO REALITY**

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### **Proverbs 29:18 NKJ**

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint...*

### **Philippians 3:12-14 NKJ**

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

### **Five Kinds of Dreamers:**

1. Non-Dreamers: people who live day-to-day with no thought about their future
2. Empty Dreamers: people who live in a dream world without ever acting
3. Average Dreamers: people who dream small and settle for average
4. Dream Abandoners: people who charge out toward their dreams but abandon them when it gets tough
5. Dream Achievers: people who have the qualities to turn their DREAMS INTO REALITY

### **Process of Turning Dreams into Reality:**

1. Believe that if God calls you He will equip you.

### **1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NKJ**

*For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has*

*chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.*

2. Decide to be faithful in everything God gives you to do.

**Luke 16:10-12 NKJ**

*“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, how will you commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, how will you give you what is your own?”*

3. Develop a strategy for your dream.

**Proverbs 16:3 NKJ**

*Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.*

**Seven Questions to Answer:**

1. Who am I? (Core values)
2. Why am I? (Purpose)
3. What am I supposed to do? (Mission)
4. What’s going on out there? (Environment)

“Every few hundred years throughout Western history, a sharp transformation has occurred. In a matter of decades, society altogether rearranges itself—its worldview, its basic values, its social and political structures, its arts, its key institutions. Fifty years later a new world exists. And the people born into that world cannot even imagine the world in which grandparents lived and into which their own parents were born.” – *Peter Drucker*

5. What am I called to change? (Impact)
6. What obstacles will I have to deal with? (Challenge)

7. How will I do it? (Strategy)

4. Live with a high-risk capacity.

“Many people believe that you are really walking by faith when there is no risk, but the truth is the longer you walk with God...the greater the risk!” – *Tommy Barnett*

**Hebrews 11:6 NKJ**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*