

## **THE CALLING: FINDING YOUR CALLING**

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“The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but life without reason. It is dangerous to be alive and not know why you were given life.” –

***Myles Munroe***

### **Romans 8:28-30 NKJ**

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 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. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

**Purpose:** the reason you were given life

**Predestined:** God’s predetermined plan for your life

### **Five Levels of Life:**

5. Doing what you and God love!
4. Doing what God loves
3. Doing what you love
2. Doing what you do
1. Doing what you hate

### **Trinity of Fulfillment:**

1. Doing what brings pleasure
2. Doing what you’re gifted in
3. Doing what you’re called to do

Know the source of your calling.

### **Philippians 3:8 NLT**

*Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.*

### **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.*

### **Three Things Happen as You Get to Know God:**

1. New identity

### **Galatians 4:7 NIV**

*So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

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

*Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.*

2. New possibilities

### **Mark 9:23 NKJ**

*... "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

"The more connected you are to God, the more impossible you live your life!"

### 3. New focus

#### **Three Major Shifts Take Place:**

1. Shift from a temporal mindset to an eternal mindset.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:18 HCSB**

*So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

2. Shift from living for self to living for others.

#### **Philippians 2:2-4 HCSB**

*...fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, FOCUSING ON ONE GOAL. Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.*

3. Shift from building your kingdom to building God's Kingdom.

#### **1 Corinthians 3:12-15 NLT**

*Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.*