

THE CALLING: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO MY CALLING

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Ephesians 2:10 NIV

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Psalm 139:16 NLT

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Purpose / Calling: the reason you were given life; what you are supposed to do with your life

Obstacles to My Calling:

1. Majoring on Little Picture instead of Big Picture

Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."

John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Westminster Catechism

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

2. Settling on Big Picture and sacrificing Little Picture

Five Levels of Life:

1. Doing what you hate
2. Doing what you do
3. Doing what you love
4. Doing what God loves
5. Doing what you love to do that God loves too

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

3. Focusing on NEXT instead of faithful with NOW

Luke 16:12 NKJ

"And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?"

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

4. Following FEAR instead of FAITH

Joshua 1:9 NIV

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Hebrews 12:1 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.