

Ministry Gifts

The Calling

Romans 1:1 NKJV

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

“If a man be truly called of God to the ministry, I will defy him to withhold himself from it. A man who has really within him the inspiration of the Holy Ghost calling him to preach cannot help it. He must preach.” - Charles Spurgeon

- I. A distinct, divine call must _____ going into the five-fold ministry.
 - A. The most common response is, “How do you _____ if you have that type of calling?”
 1. This is where the call MUST be _____.
 - a) God will deal directly with your _____ regarding the call.
 - b) God may even give you a _____ or _____, but those must be weighed out in prayer within your spirit with the Holy Spirit.
 - c) You will need His _____ in order to hold you steady in trying times.
 2. _____ cannot call you into the ministry.
 - a) Others may _____ what is already determined by you.
 - b) The NT Church is not led by _____ nor prophecy.
 - c) Mistakes are _____ for calling individuals into the ministry.
 3. Don't go into the ministry until you are _____ of a divine call.
 - B. The call of God proceeds out of a personal _____ with Jesus.
 1. Seeing a _____ does not constitute a calling from the Father.
 - a) Some have been _____ by witnessing a miracle healing or the impact of God's power and then they desire to have the same impact on others.
 - b) Isaiah _____ a conversation in Heaven, “Whom will I send, Who will go for us?”
 - (1) Isaiah did not _____ he was qualified to go.
 - (2) He did not say, “I will go for you.”
 - (3) He made himself _____ and asked to be _____ by the Lord.
 2. There is a vast difference in those who go and those who are _____!

- a) Make yourself available and wait on the _____ from the Lord.
- b) The _____ contains all you will need in order to accomplish it.

II. _____ the called.

A. God only calls individuals to something _____ with them.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NKJV

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 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; 28 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, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

B. If you believe you can _____ your calling within your own ability, God did not call you to it.

1. God picks the not wise, not mighty, not noble, foolish, weak, base (low things), despised and the nothings in this life to _____, confound and astonish the wise, strong and noble!
2. He picks the “least likely to succeed” in order to _____ things going on!
3. He does this in order that NO flesh can glory in His presence.
 - a) You will never arrive in Heaven claiming you did something _____ Him!
 - b) You will thank Him for beginning, continuing and completing whatever is done for the Kingdom of God through your constant _____!

III. _____ the called.

A. The gestation period of a mosquito (2-3 days) or a cockroach (14-30 days) versus that of an elephant (3 years).

1. The size of what God has in mind can be measured by the _____ and _____ of time of your preparation.
2. Do not be confused by what seems to be “_____.”
 - a) They were being deeply prepared in _____.
 - b) Or they will burn out quickly due to the lack of _____.

B. Before stepping into any _____ role of ministry, there should be a time of training and preparation.

1. Jesus _____ it.
 - a) Jesus _____ His earthly father and family, even after the realization of the business His Heavenly Father had prepared for Him.

- b) He _____ the disciples with an intense, three year program of doing whatever He said.
- (1) There were times in this preparation the disciples were corrected and even _____.
- (2) _____ is key to success in the time of preparation.
- C. God will give you _____ vision in preparation of giving you a vision.
1. How you _____ another's vision may determine how your vision is _____.
 2. He may have given you a vision, but you will need to "_____" that "_____" in preparation of fulfilling the vision He gave to you.
- D. Preparation is the _____ for your future.
1. God loves you so much that He does not want you to have success and you not be prepared for _____, _____ and power.
 2. When we learn the path of a _____, we condition ourselves that nothing is beneath us and nothing is beyond us.
 - a) _____ do not have entitlement. They simply serve.
 - b) _____ carry out the commission regardless of how high the responsibility and expectation.
 3. Preparation time is never wasted time unless you stop _____.