

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

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The Call Is For You

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:30 (NIV)

¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. ¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 1:18-19

What I Need to Know About God’s Calling In My Life:

- I) My calling is a _____ from God!
 - A) God, by his grace through Christ, called you to become his people... Galatians 1:6a (NCV)
 - B) Grace is _____.
 - C) So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 2 Timothy 1:8-9
- II) I am called for God’s _____.
 - A) But before the two boys were born, God told Rebekah, “The older will serve the younger.” This was before the boys had done anything good or bad. God said this so that the one chosen would be chosen because of God’s own plan. He was chosen because he was the one God wanted to call, not because of anything he did. Romans 9:11 (NCV)
 - B) For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10
- III) God chose my calling before I was _____.
 - A) But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him Galatians 1:15

B) "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations— that's what I had in mind for you." Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

C) I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born. Isaiah 44:2 CEV

IV) My _____ and _____ don't change my call.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. 1 Timothy 1:12-13

V) My calling is _____.

For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. Romans 11:29

VI) My calling is connected to _____.

A) For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. Romans 14:7 (NIV)

B) For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. Ephesians 4:4

VII) God _____ what He calls me to do.

A) Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Ephesians 4:1

B) God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. 1 Thessalonians 5:24

VIII) There's a _____ for living out my calling.

A) I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3:14

B) We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory. 1 Thessalonians 2:12