

Questions Posed for Study

Question: The Calling of God – “How is one called into the ministry?” - part II

Intro: Just prior to the Christmas celebration we were looking at the question, ‘How is one called into the ministry?’ The simple and straight forward answer is that every Believer is called to the ministry in one or more ways, we’ve all been called to share the Gospel when opportunity avails itself to do so. We’ve all been called to be prayer warriors, and we’ve all been called to let our light to so shine that others may see the work of God in our lives. These are a few of the things that we as the Redeemed of the Lord are expected by God, to do regardless of what our vocation may be or where we may be.

On Sunday the 21st of December we looked at the first point which was God’s expectations of us as Believers from God’s perspective – **John 15:16**. “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

And so, we move on to part II –

II. From _____’ _____ perspective – ministry is the opportunity to reach our _____.

A. We must never forget that God does not call someone because of their _____ ability.

1. Can God use someone’s natural ability? Absolutely, but seldom is it what God is looking for when He calls someone to _____ in some greater capacity.
2. By greater _____, it is meant such as a pastor, a missionary, an evangelist, a pastor’s wife or youth pastor’s wife, Sunday school teachers, music leaders & pianist or organists, assistant pastor’s, to name a few.
3. What God is looking for is our _____ not our abilities. Amazingly enough, God calls us to specific areas of ministry where we may not always have any personal inclinations or abilities.
4. The reason being that we tend to _____ on God less when things come naturally because of natural abilities. Dependency on God is more important than our natural abilities, and therefore, God typically calls us out of our comfort zones which causes us to have too lean on Him rather than our natural abilities.
5. Natural abilities do have a place, but even these are _____ from God meant to be used to magnify and glory Him.

B. **Exodus 31:2 – 5;** Bezaleel of the tribe of Judah.

1. This man may well have had some _____ sets already in handling metals.

2. However, it appears that what God is contemplating requires so much more in that He feels it necessary to:

- a. _____ this specific man to head up a team to bring God's desires into reality.
- b. More than whatever skill set Bezaleel may have had, God is giving to him _____ wisdom and understanding with knowledge to work at a level beyond anything natural Bezaleel may have had or not had.

3. When God gives to the Redeemed a talent, be it to love, be it music, leadership, teaching, counseling, evangelism etc. they are talents meant to be _____ for Him.

4. To glorify Him, magnify Him and to reach out to others that they may see the presence and _____ of God at work in us - **Matthew 5:13 – 16.**

- a. **Verse 13** is the value of our testimony when we are _____ to Christ.
- b. **Verses 14 – 16** is the evidence that who we are and we are capable of doing, is the _____ of Christ in our lives for which we take no credit, but the preponderance of evidences is. 'God in us!

C. God does give many abilities to others so they can minister to others in different places.

1. While it is to give one a means to earn a living it is to _____ someone in a place to get out the Gospel, to use those gifts to honor God.

2. Some realize that God _____ more from our lives than He does from others.

I Cor. 12 – 14 reminds us that we are all given spiritual gifts or a spiritual gift when we are saved. **(I Corinthians 12:1 – 6)**

a. **Acts 9:13 – 16, note verse 15 & 16.**

b. Wherever God _____ us, we should never feel inferior to others as God has a specific will for each of us in which we are too busy for Him. I believe that the amount of joy we get from that place, be it carpentry, auto-mechanic, engineer, nurse, doctor, you name it, will depend on how much we have surrendered our lives to honor God in that profession.

3. How will we be judged by God as being the most successful? Success is not found in trying to duplicate the will of God that exists for another person, but how well we _____ God's will for our own individual life. **(II Corinthians 10:12)**

a. There have been relatively poor pastors, poor missionaries, evangelist and Christian ed teachers etc. and many really great ones.

b. There have been many Believers who have and are serving God faithfully in all walks of life and lived very successful Christian lives that honored and magnified God in those jobs and vocations. They performed their ministry before God with honor and will be rewarded at the Bema Seat.

D. We are all _____ of the faith and grace of God, and of this the Apostle Paul says, **"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."** I Co 4:2