

Seven Pillars of Faith at Work - Calling

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Executive Summary

“DISCOVER YOUR CALLING”

Scripture:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

What is Calling?

- Our first calling is to have a personal relationship with God.
- Our second calling is to do the work God created us to do.

Assumption 1: God has put you in your current job.

- No matter what our current circumstances are, we must honor God with our current job!
- “Whatever you do, work at it with all you heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” *Colossians 3:23*

Assumption 2: What’s next God?

- “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans for a hope and a future.” *Jeremiah 29:11*
- Be intentional to ask God “Am I where you want me?”
- What’s next could be: a new job with same company, a new job with a different company, a new career.

Seven Ideas to Discover Your Calling:

1. Intimate relationship with God: Pray, listen, wait, obey
 - “God speaks by the Holy Spirit through four ways to reveal his purposes – prayer, Bible, other believers, circumstances” Henry Blackaby
2. Learn who you are
 - Use resources (see below) to determine your strengths, talents, passions
3. Step out of your comfort zone
 - If we can do it without God, maybe we shouldn’t do it.
4. Determine the difference between a great idea...and an assignment from God
 - Every great idea is not necessarily an assignment from God. Prayer, discernment is vital.
5. Seek counsel
 - “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed” *Proverbs 15:22*
 - Your Calling journey must include wise counsel and coaching from small group of strong believers.
6. Beware of your Enemy
 - “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” *Ephesians 6:11*
7. When its time...be courageous!
 - “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.” *Joshua 1:9*

Resources

1. *StrengthFinders2.0; Standout* – Marcus Buckingham
2. *God in the Marketplace* – Henry & Richard Blackaby
3. *Life@Work* - John Maxwell with Steve Graves & Tom Addington
4. *Cure for the Common Life ... Living in Your Sweet Spot* – Max Lucado
5. *The Dream Giver* – Bruce Wilkinson