

Understanding Your Calling in Life

Scripture

“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly [places], according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.” (Eph 3:1-13 NKJV)

Devotion

God’s will is a subject that has so much interest. Believers are always asking, “What is God’s will for me?” Paul knew his mission in life; he was to preach to the Gentiles the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This was a mystery in times past, the Gentiles in same body as the Jews, and Paul was commissioned by God to take this truth to the world.

Understanding your calling must give one a feeling of confidence to move forward with boldness. Paul endured much pain as he fulfilled his calling.

Ask yourself this question, “Is God’s will for my life really that hard to know?” Don’t we have clear instructions we are to follow? Maybe they are not specific to an occupation or location, but are they any less clear than Paul’s directions? Not really!

Let’s look at three things we know God wants us to do. I believe if you will focus on these fundamental commands, He will guide you into all the issues of occupation and location. Here are three that I thought of, and of course this list is not exhaustive.

1. “. . . Be holy, for I am holy.” (1Pe 1:16 NKJV)
2. “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1Th 5:16-18 NKJV)
3. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt 28:19 NKJV)

God’s main concern for you is that He has your heart. He wants you love Him and your brothers. Those are the two great commandments. He said, “on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Mt 22:40).

It’s so simple, but it can be really hard. Maybe that is why we focus so much on the big things in life. Maybe we use those big decisions to excuse our failures with the easily understood things. Maybe we just don’t want to deal with the really hard things in life. Give it some thought.