

Faithfully

Fulfilling

Our

Callings

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Understanding Gifts & Callings

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- Each of us have received different callings and gifts from God
- These callings and gifts are given by God so that He can serve others through us
- Callings and gifts are not restricted to church life, but touch every area of life where we can be used by God to serve others
- We each have multiple callings
- We will ultimately be rewarded by God for how faithfully we use our gifts to fulfill the various callings we have been given by God.

A Biblical Definition of Calling

Calling refers to the specific tasks and responsibilities given to us by God, through which God works to serve our neighbors and promote the common good, restraining the effects of the curse and bringing blessing to every realm of life and every corner of creation.



A Theology
of Calling

Specific Tasks/Responsibilities Given By God

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Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has **called** him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was a man already circumcised when he was **called**? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was **called**? He should not be circumcised. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God **called** him. ²¹ Were you a slave when you were **called**? Don't let it trouble you — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. ²² For he who was a slave when he was **called** by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was **called** is Christ's slave. ²³ You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴ Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God **called** him to. 1 Corinthians 7:17–24

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Working For the Common Good of Our City

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:4–7



APPLYING
THE
WORD

Our Multiple Callings

- Family
- Church
- Work (paid or unpaid)
- Volunteer service
- Citizenship
- Membership in other groups - civic organizations; community associations; hobby or educational groups; etc.

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