

THE CALL IS FOR YOU  
Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 1  
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- Live Your Calling
- What On Earth Am I Here For
- There is an inverse correlation on effort and return
- You'll get a lot more out than you put in
- But you've got to put some effort in to it

*Rom. 8:28 (NIV) "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose."*

- Our Calling according to His purpose
- Who was the last person you made a phone call to?
- When God calls you it's not a scam
- Answering the call

*Romans 8:28-30 (NIV) 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. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

- Called
- You have been called by God
- God has a call on every person's life

*Eph. 1:18-19 (CEV) "My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God CALLED YOU. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people!"*

- What I need to know about my calling in life. Why God put me here on earth.

1st) My calling is a **GIFT** from God!

- I don't earn it
- I don't deserve it
- I don't work for it
- It's just a flat-out gift of God's grace

*Gal. 1:6 (NCV) "God, by his grace through Christ, has called you to become his people."*

- Grace is undeserved kindness

*2 Tim. 1:9 (NIV) "He 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."*

- God gives me a calling in life simply because he wants to give me a calling in life

2nd) I am called for God's **PURPOSE!**

- I'm not called for my plan in life
- I'm called for God's plan
- You were made by God and you were made *for* God.
- Until you understand that, life is never going to make sense

*Rom. 9:11 (NCV) "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."*

- That's exactly opposite our culture

*Eph. 2:10 (NIV) "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

3rd) God chose my calling before I was **BORN!**

*Gal. 1:15 (NLT) "It pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!"*

*Jer. 1:5 (MSG) "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."*

- God uniquely shaped you
- Don't underestimate what God wants to do in your life

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

- *I am your Creator*
- You're not an accident.
- You were uniquely chosen, created and called by God
- *You were in my care...*
- *You were in my care even BEFORE you were born!*

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

4th) My **SINS** and my **MISTAKES** don't change my call.

- No matter how many dumb decisions you've made in the past, it hasn't changed God's call on your life at all

*1 Tim. 1:12-13 (NJB) "By calling me into his service, Jesus has judged me trustworthy, even though I used to be a blasphemer and a persecutor and contemptuous. Mercy, however, was shown me, because while I lacked faith, I acted in ignorance."*

- I did a lot of dumb stuff growing up
- God never wastes anything and he fits it all into his plan.
- The sins against you

- I'm going to fit that into the plan

5th) God **EMPOWERS** what he calls me to do.

*1 Thes. 5:24 (NIV) "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it."*

- If God has given me an assignment in life he's going to enable me to do it
- God would never ask you to do anything with your life that he doesn't give you the power to do
- God, whatever time I've got left on this earth I want to use it to fulfill your calling for me

*Eph. 4:1 (NCV) "I now urge you to live the life to which God called you."*

- Listen to God's Word every day
- Enlist friends who help me
- Ask questions and accept correction
- Remember and reinforce what I learn
- Now do it
- Seek Jesus and your calling will follow

*2 Thes. 1:11 (NCV) "That is why we always pray for you, asking our God to help you live the kind of life he called you to live. We pray that with his power God will help you do the good things you want and perform the works that come from your faith."*

6th) There's a **PRIZE** for living out my calling.

- God has promised a reward for those people who discover and live the calling he made them for here on earth

*Phil. 3:14 (NIV) "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

*1 Thes. 2:12 (TEV) "Live the kind of life that pleases God, who calls you to share in his own Kingdom and glory."*

- Our life on earth is simply a test