



I CAN LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE CALLING OF GOD!

We live in a “celebrity culture” and tend to think that only a fraction of people were destined for greatness while others are intended to lead life as the status quo — average and unspectacular. A big part of the reason for this is that we narrowly define greatness as what is *publicly* celebrated. Because of this, we practically turn celebrities into gods. We obsess about every detail of their lives. We line up for them, even revering them, seeming to almost treat them as a higher race. Then, we return home to our ordinary lives and, if we aren’t careful, our mediocre dreams.

But *God*. He presents us with a different picture. He says that he delicately and expertly crafted every one of us for a distinct purpose only we can fulfill. In coming to Jesus, you inherited a great calling and are already qualified by God to carry it out. He has amazing dreams for your life — to know him, to know his will and to lead others into the true knowledge of him! You don’t need to attain the status of a celebrity; you just need to understand the status of your identity. Then, you will embrace your calling with “red-carpet” passion and purpose. His plans for you are anything but ordinary. Believe it, grab hold of it and walk worthy of who you are now!

“As I prisoner for the Lord, I urge you to *live a life worthy* of the calling you have received” Ephesians 4:1 – Emphasis added.

“Whatever happens, *conduct yourself in a manner worthy* of the Gospel of Christ” Philippians 1:27 – Emphasis added.

“For this reason, since we have heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding from the Holy Spirit, so that you may *live a life worthy* of the Lord and please Him in every way” Colossians 1:9-10 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *We can spend a lot of time trying to “become” great in a specific area of our lives — almost to try and prove that we matter through our own efforts. In what areas of your life are you striving instead of simply reflecting the greatness God placed in you?*

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2. *We often discover our calling when we come face to face with a problem that won't let us go. What needs in the world — either close to home or across the oceans — has God given you a great passion to see changed? In what ways might he be calling you to make a difference? Take some time to ask God some practical ways you can begin playing your part in him resolving this problem through you. Write down what he stirs in your spirit.*

PRAYER:

Father, draw me close to you. I repent the ways I have compared my life to others and found myself wanting. Forgive me for any judgments I have silently or verbally held over myself (Name them). I receive the truth that you have a great calling for my life — something that only I get to do with you. I open my heart to hear from you about what I can do next in this journey. Speak to me. I choose to dance with you and follow your lead! Help me to walk worthy!

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Ask, "What do you think God's calling is for you?" Go around and talk about each person's strengths and passions. Affirm and encourage each other in areas that you have seen these gifts operate. Pray over each person and ask God to show each one his great calling for their life! As you pray, stop and listen to what God is saying for each one and share it with one another!

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for someone who is growing discouraged from a lack of clarity in their life. Pray that God will send them encouragement and direction. Pray and listen *for* them, asking God what he wants to say to them. Write a note as a family to give them hope and drop it in the mail.