

VOCATION: TO BE CALLED UPON

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Book Recommendation: Work and our Labor in the Lord by James Hamilton

Genesis 1 and 2

God works first.

Genesis 1:26

God delegates to us as humans.

God is a model and an example of what it means to work.

God at work creating. We know it was work because He rested on the 7th day.

God made a clear differentiation between work and rest.

Tom Nelson: “Work is how the gospel redeems us for life.”

Work was modeled to us by God, given to us by God, delegated to us by God.

Work is a part of the plan.

Vocation: to be called upon

Our vocation is in fact our falling. Our calling is in fact our calling. The way you feel about it doesn't change that.

If you don't fully believe it, you won't fully commit to it.

If you're always waiting for whatever is next, you'll always be waiting for whatever is next to fulfill you and you'll miss out on where you are now.

Your calling answers:

- people (relationships) Great Commandment
- tasks (work) Great Commission

Class Archives: What is My Calling?

Primary:

If your vocation is where you're called, inside your vocation you're supposed to build relationship and do your work, then on your way to work or when you walk to your computer you have a clear idea of your agenda.

Secondary: how you do it.

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Purpose:

Our behavior, actions are different than our purpose.

Our purpose is to be more like Jesus, every single minute/hour/day.

Live out your purpose. How?

Our reactions.

If you want people to see Jesus in you, in your workplace, react differently.

What makes us more like Jesus? Sanctification.

In order for us to be more like Jesus, we have to be challenged in our flesh.

Sanctification: Letting us make their own mistakes and then running back to Jesus and repenting.

A lot of sanctification happens in your vocation.

We made our vocation about us. We called ourselves to something. We don't have the authority to call ourselves to something. The only authority we have is to disobey.

If we let Jesus move inside of us.

Don't walk away from the place you are called looking for something better. Where you are is where you are called.

How do I know what is my desire vs. God's desire?

The Holy Spirit will direct your steps. But we have to submit to the Holy Spirit.

Getting to know God better allows us to hear His voice better.

If it's God's plan for your life, the door will swing open. Walk in obedience.

Simplicity usually means more surrender.

When we love God, our affections shape our desires and our desires will line up with His desires. He will not give us the desires of our heart if they are our flesh's desires.

For the glory of God and the good of others.

You are doing ministry in the place He has you.

What happens if we fall in love with Jesus and then leave the place He has us? Will anyone know Him?

Wrestle with God on it, not ourselves.

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Ministry:

We default to pastors, Bible teachers, Christian book authors.

Ministry: the work a believer does

Your vocation is your ministry.

If we keep defaulting to churchy words, we will diminish what God can do.

Your vocation is where you have been called upon, and that has been determined by Jesus.

Serve Him, not yourself.

The only measurement of your success is the fruit of your life.

Work matters. Your purpose is to be more like Him.

Wherever you are is where you're called when you're walking with Jesus.

Be intimate with Jesus to wrestle well with Him.

He is using you right now. Work at it with all your might.