

Growing Awareness of God's Holiness



Growing Awareness of My Depravity



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“You can fool some of the people all of the time and  
all of the people some of the time, but you cannot  
fool all of the people all of the time.”

Abraham Lincoln

“The good pleasures of life are shafts of God’s glory striking us. I try to make every pleasure into a channel of adoration. I don’t mean simply giving thanks for it... Gratitude exclaims: ‘How good of God to give me this.’ Adoration says: ‘What must be the character of that Being whose far-off and momentary coruscations are like this.’ One’s mind runs back up the sunbeam to the sun.”

C.S. Lewis

## The Nature of God's Call

God calls us

1. To a life-changing relationship with Him
2. To a life-fulfilling mission alongside Him
  - a. The local church and the Great Commission
  - b. A specific mission for each of us

## The Nature of God's Call

The world says we can be all we want to be. The Bible says be the person God wants us to be.

“We will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us...” 2 Corinthians 10:13

## The Nature of God's Call

When you answer God's call, you will change the world around you

“They dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, ‘These men **who have turned the world upside down** have come here also.’ Acts 17:6

## The Nature of God's Call

God reveals His call through

1. His Word
2. His Spirit
3. Wise counsel
4. His work in our circumstances

## Discovering Your Calling

God calls us in ways unique to each of us

A calling can happen at any age

You may already be in your calling at work but simply need a fresh vision

If you are not sure of your calling, be faithful where you are

Fulfilling your calling requires submission.

It may take time to prepare you, before, during and after your call

## Discovering Your Calling

Seasons of Life: God's call may be clear when we raise a family or start a business

Develop a serving mentality: God often reveals His call when we are busy serving others

Past experiences: is there anything in my past that God has used to create a desire in me to serve

Has the Lord given me a passion for something?

## Discovering Your Calling

Abilities and skills: God created each of us with a wide range of skills, but most of us have one or two that stand out

Spiritual gifts: Each of us has at least one spiritual gift, the purpose of which is to serve Christ and others. Review the gifts found in:

Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31;

Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:11-19

## **Develop a Vision Based on Your Calling**

Your vision for your life is something that God must fulfill as you obediently pursue your calling.

“O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”  
Micah 6:8

“The Lord waits to be gracious to you.”  
Isaiah 30:18

## **Develop a Mission Based on Your Calling**

As you fulfill your mission, God will fulfill your vision which was from Him to begin with.

“He who is noble plans noble things, and on noble things he stands.” Isaiah 32:8

“And Samuel said, ‘Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.’”

1 Samuel 15:22