



**The Question of Intentionality:
Why Am I Here?
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Two words that Change Your Direction: FOLLOW ME!

Matthew 4:18-20; 9:9; 10:38; 16:24; 19:21; 19:28; Mark 1:17; 2:14; 8:34; 10:21; Luke 5:27; 9:23; 9:59, 61; 18:22; John 1:43; 8:12; 10:27; 12:26; 21:19,22

THREE PRINCIPLE BELIEF SYSTEMS

- Eastern Religions - FORGET IT!
- Secular Religion - DO IT YOURSELF!
- Biblical Religion - THROUGH CREATION AND CALLING!

THE CALLING OF PURPOSE

(Matthew 25:14-30 & Luke 19:12-27)

For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. - Matthew 25:14-19 ESV

1. Calling is SERVICE
2. Calling is STEWARDSHIP
3. Calling is ENTREPRENEURIALISM
4. Calling is ACCOUNTABILITY

COMPASS CALLINGS

- An Irrevocable Calling: **Romans 11:29**
- A Humble Calling: **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**
- A Heavenly Calling: **Hebrews 3:1**
- A Holy Calling: **2 Timothy 1:9**

1. I Am Called to CHRIST

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. - Matthew 4:18-20 ESV

2. I Am Called to COMMUNITY

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful - 1 Corinthians 1:9 NCV

3. I Am Called to MINISTRY

I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called - Ephesians 4:1 ESV

Be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election - 2 Peter 1:10 ESV

- a. The "Talent" of MY GIFTS
- b. The "Talent" of MY RESOURCES
- c. The "Talent" of MY INFLUENCE

4. I Am Called to THE WORLD

Go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to obey whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even unto the ends of the earth - Matthew 28:18

Walk the Talk

A Small Group Guide

Read: 2 Peter 1:3-11

1. When one of your friends is struggling with their future, how would you encourage them? By letter? By a funny card? By a personal conversation?
2. When you consider that the larger picture of this letter is to confront false teaching about the return of Christ and loose moral standards, how would you start out your letter to them?
3. When you think of God's "divine power" and his "great and precious promises" what is he referring to? What is he intending to do with this language?
4. Give us your definition of the Christian life using the seven characteristics found in verses 5-7, how would you say it in one sentence?
5. Now pick just one of the seven and tell us how that is lived out in very practical ways in today's world.
6. Reviewing verse 9, what does a Christian look like who does not have these virtues?
7. Of the seven virtues where are you the strongest? Weakest? Why?
8. How do these promises and virtues and power allow us to "make our calling and election sure"?