



One of the mysteries of the Christian life is the attempt to detect God's call for our lives. It seems some are called to specific tasks while others are called to serve in very ordinary ways. Some hear the calling clearly and others seem to never find theirs. In the account of Samuel there are some principles that can be learned about God's calling in the lives of his people.

I. God sometimes calls people who are very _____.

A. Samuel provides the example that many spiritual leaders are raised in the _____.

B. There are _____ and disadvantages of that, but the positives outweigh the negatives.

1. God's Word is _____ in your heart.

2. You are _____ the consequences of some of the nastier and more disfiguring sins.

3. You feel _____ in church and in spiritual surroundings.

4. You have some exposure to _____ of the faith.

5. Your _____ of becoming a Christian are greatly _____.

C. There are a couple of _____ to growing up in church.

1. _____ - _____ may breed complacency.

2. You can feel _____ for missing certain experiences.

3. Some will grow up to feel _____ around non-Christians.

4. You will discover spiritual leaders are all _____.

5. If we are not careful, we can develop a _____ mindset.

II. God sometimes calls in _____ ways.

A. Most of the time God's call is not _____.

B. God calls most of us through _____ circumstances or _____ encounters with people.

C. "If God doesn't call me dramatically, how can I _____ he's calling me?"

1. God promises if we walk in _____ and trust him, he will make his _____ clear.

III. God sometimes calls us to a _____ task.

A. God gave Samuel a very difficult _____.

B. We have been _____ by Christ to go into our world and share the _____.

1. We warn people of judgment, not just for _____ benefit, but for _____.

2. God promises us if we will proclaim his truth _____ and clearly, he will _____ it.