

Career Callings

The 3 Bible Tests

Energy

Joy &

Skill



Style of writing!

I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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Intro – Overview

1. Energy, Joy & Skill

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2. Three Other Tips

Marketplace Availability, Networking and Patient Fluidity.

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Chap. 1

Energy, Joy & Skill**Energy**

*Acts 1:8 And you will receive **POWER (Energy)**
when the **Holy Spirit** comes upon you!*

I love organizing things. If I spend 6 hours organizing things, I have **MORE ENERGY after** I have worked for those 6 hours, than when I **started**. I also have great **joy** and **skill** in organizing.

These three confirm that Organizing is a Strong Calling on my Life.

I have **skill** in Social Situations, but **EVERY** Social Situation leaves me **completely EXHAUSTED**. I also do NOT enjoy social situations. This confirms that Social Engagement is NOT a major calling in my life.

Joy

*Eph. 1:6-8 to the praise of his **glorious Grace, (Joy inside)**
which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have
redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in
accordance with the riches of God's **Grace, (Joy inside)** that
he **Lavished** on us. With **All Wisdom** and **Understanding**.*

Please note that Grace is **LAVISHED** on us with **All Wisdom** and **Understanding**. God's JOY inside us is a **clear path** to finding God's **Wisdom** and **Understanding**.

I find Great Joy in counseling. However, it does wear me out and I am usually very TIRED after a counseling session.

Thus, here is a situation where I have great Joy but not great energy.

I also have great **skill** in counseling. Thus, counseling is a **fairly strong** calling on my life.

Skill

Prov. 22:29 "Do you see a man **Skilled** in his **Work**? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men"

I Cor. 12:4-6 There are different kinds of **Gifts**, but the same Spirit distributes them.

⁵ There are different kinds of **Service**, but the same Lord.

⁶ There are different kinds of **Working, (Skill, Effectiveness)** but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

In I Cor. 12, Rom. 12 & Eph. 4, there are lists of Gifts.

I Cor. 12:4-6 gives two **essential synonyms** to understand the purpose of studying the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit. Gifts create opportunities to **Serve**. Gifts also bring great **Skill** or **Effectiveness**.

The bottom line is that the Holy Spirit gives two synonyms for **Gifts** to point out that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are **Confirmed** by **SKILL**

I have great Energy and great Joy in Singing but I have No Skill at All. 

It is definitely **NOT** a **Calling** on my Life! 

Daily Decisions

These three Bible tests do **More** than just help you find the GENERAL Career Direction or Ministry Direction.

They are also a **HUGE Help** in **Daily Decisions**. With my Wonderful Staff, I constantly ask these three questions about Energy, Joy & Skill with almost every task.

My most common question, after a task is finished is to ask:

"Did you find yourself, energized, tired or exhausted after you finished that task?"

This helps me to guide people to their most effective place.

Chap. 3

Three Other Tips

Marketplace Availability

A Calling on your life does NOT mean that you can earn INCOME from that Calling. The best example I can find here is in the field of music. I have met thousands of people who have great energy, joy and skill in music.

However, the Marketplace Availability is almost **zero**. Millions of people try to earn an Income through Music and find themselves in great poverty.

If they had honestly examined the marketplace availability for singers and musicians, they would have seen up front that this calling is only a **hobby** or an **unpaid ministry**.

Every career has very clear Marketplace Availability statistics.

Study those statistics
BEFORE making a Career Decision.

*Prov. 22:3 The **Prudent** see **Danger** and take **refuge**,
but the **Simple** Keep **Going** and **Pay** the **Penalty**.*

The phrase “*Pay the Penalty*” is actually a **Financial** Term. The primary application of this verse is **money** and **career**.

Please do **NOT assume** that you are the **exception**. That can be Pride which leads to Destruction.

If there is the possibility that you can be that **RARE** Exception, then work **another job** and let your career in this field **PROVE** itself **BEFORE** you **expect** a **full income** from this field.

Networking & Shadowing

*Prov. 19:6 **Many will seek the favor of a generous man***

*Prov. 27:10 **Better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away***

*Eph. 6:13 Have **DONE ALL** to **Stand***

There are entire books written on Networking and Shadowing. Networking and Shadowing are two of the most effective ways to maximize a career. Yet, these tools are rarely used.

I have seen the Lord Jesus **HOLD OFF** on Job **Favor** until the person was willing to **work hard** at the **connections** they **Already Had**.

Patience & Fluidity

The average person in the **Bible** did **NOT** begin to fully understand God's Callings on their life until they were **50-80** years old. Whether it was David, Daniel, Moses, Joshua, Jeremiah or the Apostle Paul, the Lord Jesus used a **LIFETIME** of experiences to slowly build a clarity about His Purposes in their lives.

I have been a **Pastor** for **over 45 years** and yet I am **just starting** to understand the Lord's callings on my life. This is meant as a **Great ENCOURAGEMENT!**

It allows you to be Patient with yourself and your career. Statistics say that you will change Jobs and Careers **MANY** times in your life. The **GOAL** is to always **LEARN** from each step so that you are better equipped for the next step. **Please** be **PATIENT** with the Lord and with yourself!!!

Conclusion

The are **Starter** ideas intended to encourage you to meet with a **Career Coach**. Career Coaches are wonderful at giving strategies and encouragement in job direction.

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