



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **WHAT'S YOUR CALLING?**
Series: EQUIPPED
Text: Ephesians 4:1-16
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WHAT ARE YOU “CALLED OUT” TO DO?

1. CALLED TO FOLLOW _____

As a ***prisoner for the Lord***, then, I urge you to live a life ***worthy of the calling*** you have received. (Eph 4:1).

- IT'S VERY _____ - ORTHOPRAXY

Be completely ***humble and gentle***; be ***patient, bearing*** with one another in love. (Eph 4:2).

Make ***every effort*** to keep ***the unity of the Spirit*** through the bond of peace. (Eph 4:3).

- IT'S WHAT YOU _____ - ORTHODOXY

There is ***one body and one Spirit***— just as ***you were called*** to one hope when ***you were called***— 5 one ***Lord***, one ***faith***, one ***baptism***; 6 one ***God and Father of all***, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:4–6).

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ***that all of them may be one***, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. (John 17:21)

2. CALLED TO _____ (VOCATION)

The English word “vocation” is strictly an equivalent of “call” or “calling.”

But to ***each one of us grace has been given*** as ***Christ apportioned it***. (Eph 4:7)

However, he has given each one of us ***a special gift*** through the ***generosity of Christ***. (Eph. 4:7) NLT

Ascended, Descended, Ascended - **What Jesus did for US!**

- **SOME ARE CALLED TO** _____

It was **he** who **gave some** to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be **pastors and teachers**, (Eph. 4:7)

Their responsibility is **to equip God's people** to do **his work** and **build up the church**, the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:12) NLT

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but **eager to serve**; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being **examples to the flock**. 4 And when the **Chief Shepherd appears**, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. (1 Pe 5:2–4).

3. CALLED TO _____

until **we all reach unity in the faith** and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of **the fullness of Christ**. (Eph 4:13).

- MATURITY INVOLVES _____

Then we will **no longer be infants**, **tossed** back and forth by the waves, and **blown here and there by every wind** of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. (Eph 4:14).

- MATURITY INVOLVES _____ STABILITY

Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will in all things **grow up into him** who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph 4:15).

- MATURITY INVOLVES _____

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, **grows and builds itself up in love**, as **each part does its work**. (Eph 4:16).

- MATURITY INVOLVES _____