

A DIFFERENT CALLING IN A DARK WORLD

Dare to Be Different – Part 4

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ALL CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE 3 DIVINE CALLS:

1. We receive an eternal call to Jesus for salvation.

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” – John 12:32 NIV

By his divine power, God has...called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. – 2 Peter 1:3 NLT

2. We receive temporary calls to specific assignments.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” – Acts 8:26 NIV

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, he got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. – Acts 16:9-10 NIV

3. We receive a daily call to live by a different standard as God’s “ministers on call.”

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. – 1 Peter 2:9-10a NIV

Dear friends, you are like visitors and strangers in this world. So I beg you to keep your lives free from the evil things you want to do, those desires that fight against your true selves. People who don’t believe are living all around you. They may say that you are doing wrong. So live such good lives that they will see the good you do, and they will give glory to God on the day he comes. – 1 Peter 2:11-12 ERV

But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you. For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. – 1 Peter 2:20-23 NLT

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. – 1 Peter 3:9 NLT