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# How To Discover Your Calling

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SIX QUESTIONS THAT POINT TO YOUR PURPOSE

**You are an original masterpiece, designed by God to make a significant impact.** God has called you to an amazing life – immeasurably more than anything you could imagine or ask for! Working through the following questions will help you discover and fulfill God’s purpose for your life.

## How has God gifted me?

A spiritual gift is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at the moment of conversion. Spiritual gifts are given to meet the needs of believers and unbelievers to help build up the Church. No single believer has ALL spiritual gifts, and no single gift is given to ALL believers. Spiritual gifts include administration, apostle/missionary, evangelism, exhortation, faith, giving, healing, helping, hospitality, knowledge, leadership, offering mercy, performing miracles, pastoring, prophesying, serving, teaching, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and wisdom. (Check out Romans 12:6–8, 1 Corinthians 12:1–11, 28–31; 1 Peter 4:10–11.)



## What’s my personality?



God “wired” you with unique characteristics, and your personal temperament plays an important role in discovering your purpose. If you are extremely introverted, God might not be calling you to greet visitors at church. Do you prefer to be spontaneous or to have things planned? As you relate to others, are you more of an influencer or a supporter? When you think of getting things done, what’s more important: having conversations or completing a checklist? Are you more energized when you are alone or with others? Consider how God might work through who you are to make a difference.

## What am I good at?

Your natural talents and developed skills might shape the purpose God has for your life. For example, if you can repair just about anything, perhaps God is calling you to help families who lack the resources to fix their broken appliances. If you are organized and good with people, maybe God is calling you to lead a ministry at your church. Take some time to consider your successes (and even your failures), as these will help you gain insight as to where God is calling you to serve in His kingdom.



## What engages my heart?



Take the time to discover your passion. When you've been walking with Jesus, your calling will be connected to your personal convictions. The needs that break your heart could be pointing to the place where you should serve. One person may be passionate for helping teenagers, another person may have a heart for the poor and needy. A heart that is engaged is the difference between a job and a calling.

## What are my opportunities?

Paul wanted to visit Rome several times, but God took some time to provide the opportunity (see Romans 1:13). Paul did make it to Rome, not just as a missionary but also as a prisoner. As you consider God's call in your life, begin by looking at the current and realistic opportunities within your reach. Check with your church to see what ministries they have available. If you want to serve in your community, contact local ministries or organizations to learn about their needs.



## What do I hear from others?



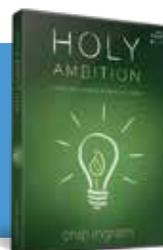
Sometimes God reveals His will through others. How are you encouraged by the people who know you best? What do they say about your gifts, personality, skills, heart, and opportunities? Consider approaching someone whom you admire and trust to ask for their opinion (and prayers) about God's call in your life.

## A final encouragement

Discovering your calling from God is a process and a lifelong journey. There aren't any easy answers or shortcuts. You may determine that you're called to serve in an area where you are unskilled. God may lead you to serve in an area that doesn't engage your heart. The most important step is your next one. Jump in, stay connected to God, and follow His lead.

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