

**LIVING YOUR CALLING PT. 4**  
**HOW TO DEVELOP AND GROW YOUR CALLING**  
**6/12/16**

SCRIPTURE  
I PETER 1:2-12

Introduction

A.The call of God is not only something you discover it is also something you \_\_\_\_\_ . God prepares a call for each of us, but then he must prepare each of us for the call. The call is like a seed inside of us.

B.Why understanding this process is so important

1.Calling is not about something you do as much as it is about someone you're \_\_\_\_\_

2.Our greatest impact won't come from doing but from being. The greatest way we change the world is by what we allow God to change in \_\_\_\_\_. Having the right stuff is things you have on the outside but things you become on the inside.

Thesis: The more we become like Christ on the inside the more we will change the world on the outside. To do this we have to make growing our highest priority!

II.Keys to developing our calling and character. (2 Pet. 1:2-12)

A.Recognize who we already are and what we already \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. Growing in Christ is becoming who I already am. Christians don't grow and change by guilt but by grace. We change not by our promises to God, but by His promises to us. Two things He tells us about us:

1.We are adequate and \_\_\_\_\_

2.We have His divine \_\_\_\_\_

Fulfilling God's will is about acting in faith based on who Jesus is in us.

B.Developing our calling is also recognizing who we are \_\_\_\_\_.

"Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (vs. 4)

**"In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work." (2 Tim. 2:20-21 NIV)**

C.Take personal responsibility for your continued spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

1.God's greatness is in you but it will only come out as growth is your top \_\_\_\_\_ . Growth is the only guarantee that you will fulfill God's call for your future.

2.People who fulfill the call of God don't seek first to have a better life but to become better persons. They understand that growth is not \_\_\_\_\_.

They understand that growth is allowing God's grace to be released in your life one choice at a time.

"Many are called, few make the choices."

D. Diligently seek to internalize God's Word on a continual basis.

"Add to your faith virtue, and to your virtue knowledge." (vs. 6)

**"Like new born babes earnestly desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby." (I Pet. 2:2-3)**

E. Be a person who \_\_\_\_\_ your standards and convictions from God's will not the world's pressures.

**"Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes." (2 Tim. 2:21)**

F. Don't waste your \_\_\_\_\_. Choose to grow through suffering and not just go through suffering.

**"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance character, and character, hope."**

**(Rom. 5:3-4)**

**"Even though He was God's Son, he learned obedience from what He suffered." (Heb. 5:8)**

**"Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any way troubled, with the comfort we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Cor. 1:3-4)**

Tell me your suffering and I can tell you about your calling.

**"Now my soul is troubled and what shall I say? "Father save me from this hour?" But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father glorify your name." (Jn. 12:27-28)**

G. We develop our calling by cultivating relationships with people who will take us further in God.

**"He who walks with the wise become wiser, the companion of fools will suffer harm." (Prov. 13:20)**

(answers: develop in, becoming, us, II. Have, sufficient, nature, not, growth, priority, automatic, sets, sorrows)