

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

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Have you noticed the dissatisfaction brewing everywhere?

"Bloom where you are planted." David du Plessis

BIG IDEA: Find God's call in the vocation you presently have and give yourself fully to it.

Simply naming someone. (Lk. 1:13)

Called by name. (Lk. 19:5; Jn. 10:3; 5:18; 1 Cor. 1:26; Gal. 1:15)

Called as renamed. (Jn. 1:42; Ac 10:15, 28; 11:26; Rom. 9:25; Jas. 2:23; Heb 11:24)

Called us his family. (Heb 2:11; 1 Jn 3:1)

Call is direction and destination. (Heb. 3:1; 9:15; 11:8)

Called to an action. (Luke 5:32; Lk 8:54)

Called together. (1 Cor. 1:2; Col. 3:15)

Called to relationship. (John 15:15; Rom. 1:6)

Called is a pledge of allegiance. (Lk. 20:44; Jn. 13:13)

Called to Jesus. (Mt. 20:25; Mk. 2:17; Acts 2:39; Rom 1:6-7)

Called to a certain disposition/action. (1 Cor 7:15; Gal. 5:13; Eph 1:18; 4:1; 1 Pet 2:9; 3:9; Rev 14:12)

Called to mission/ministry. (Acts 13:2; 16:10; Rom. 1:1; 8:28; 11:29; 1 Cor. 1:1)

Called to a vocation/role.

"Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him."

1 Corinthians 7:17

"So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do." **2 Thessalonians 1:11** NLT

PAUL'S EXAMPLE:

Paul, servant and apostle to Gentiles (Rom. 11:13; Gal. 2:8)

Paul, single man, who sees being single as an advantage.

"But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another...³² I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him. But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible...⁴⁰ But in my opinion it would be better for her to stay single..." **1 Corinthians 7:7, 32-35, 40** NLT

EMBRACING GOD'S UNIQUE CALL ON YOU

- 1 _____ yourself and your call (current position) thru God's eyes.
- 2 _____ the cultural voices that create comparison/going green.
- 3 _____ your call from God. "Yes."
- 4 _____ yourself fully to it.
- 5 _____ the advantages & disadvantages it creates.