

## **Discover Your God-Given Calling**

### **Find your passion and put it into action**

Answering the question, "How do I know what my calling is?" will get you on your way to the unique adventure God has for your life. And when you discover your passion, you will discover your calling.

### **Answer The Following Questions**

1. If money were not an issue, what would you do with your time?
2. What do you love to do? What do you hate to do?
3. What gives you energy? What drains the life out of you?
4. What do you want to change, shape, and leave better than you found it?
5. What segment of the population are you drawn to help?
6. What do you want to experience, witness, and learn?

### **Write Your Mission Statement**

Writing a mission statement puts a framework to your passion. It can help you to say yes to opportunities that line up with your mission statement and no to those that don't.

Here are a few tips for writing your own mission statement:

- Keep it simple.
- Keep it general enough that you don't pigeonhole yourself.
- Remember, a mission statements is changeable, a living document.

### **Dream**

Once you have discovered your passion and developed your mission statement, it's time to use your imagination, throw off convention, and dream. Everything you do in your external world begins in your internal world. Allow yourself to dream and dream big. Don't think of the how; just let the ideas flow, creating a list of the ways you can use your passion. Once you have several ideas, narrow your list to two or three. Submit the ideas to the Lord and wait on him for confirmation.

### **Passion into Action**

Now that you have discovered your passion, written your mission statement, and developed ideas on what to do with your passion, it's time to devise a plan to make your dream reality by putting your passion into action. The first step in developing an action plan is to recognize the cages you put around yourself that

hinder you from going after your passion and fulfilling the call of God on your life. Look at the list below and identify those cages that imprison you.

- Fear
- Insecurity
- Finances
- Responsibilities
- Past mistakes
- Perfectionism

If you identified with one or more of these cages, ask yourself the following question: Do you want to die without pursuing your God-given passion? I know I don't. I don't want to settle for anything other than the adventure God has for me.

I want to encourage you to break out of your cage and step into your God-given adventure by pursuing your passion. If you need help breaking out of your cage and into your calling, seek counseling from your pastor or a Christian counselor. Don't settle for anything less than the adventure God has for you. You will not regret it!

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