



#1 "When God Calls"

1. The call of God is to _____.

Jonah 1:1 (NIV) The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai.

2. _____ help us _____ God's call.

Habits to practice if you want to hear God's call consistently:

- _____.

Isaiah 57:15 (NIV) For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Isaiah 66:2 (NIV) "Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word."

James 4:6 (NIV) But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

- Quick _____.

Hebrews 4:7 (NIV) God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

- Saturation with _____.

Psalms 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

- Regular, intimate _____.

Matthew 6:6 (NIV) But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 26:39 (NIV) Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:41 (NIV) Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

- _____ and _____ with God's people.

Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- Attitudes and actions of _____ and _____.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

- Attitudes and actions of _____, _____, and _____.

Hebrews 12:15 (NIV) See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

- Proper _____ from the right people.

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV) Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

3. Hearing God's call requires _____ - _____.

Here's a checklist that helps keep you prepared to heed God's call:

- What plans have I failed to give to God?
- What ambitions and activities am I pursuing that distract me from God?
- What hurts am I holding on to?
- Who am I angry with or have failed to forgive?

- How soft and pliable am I?
- Is my Christian faith a performance of duties and rituals or a passionate pursuit of my heart?

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV) Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?