

LIVING YOUR CALLING PT. 3 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT 6/5/2016

Acts 1:4-8

“As God’s partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God in vain.” (2 Cor. 6:1 NLT)

Introduction: We have been teaching on what it takes to find and fulfill your “heavenly calling.” Today we want to cover a vital key that I’m calling _____ with the Holy Spirit.

We will see today that we can fulfill our calling as we are guided, united, and ignited by the Holy Spirit.

- A. People who most fulfill God’s calling on their lives intentionally focus their lives around activities that allow them to be most _____ and yielded to the partnership of the Holy Spirit in their life.
- B. Calling is more about a relationship than a destination. It’s not as much about doing something for God as it is doing everything _____ God.

It’s not about achieving something but _____ Someone. It’s not about performing for God; it’s about partnering with God in what He is doing. The key to that partnership is allowing the Holy Spirit to come and stay upon our lives.

- *“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8)*
- *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.” (Luke 4:18)*

How do we become partners with the Holy Spirit to fulfill God’s call?

I. We let God _____ us with the Holy Spirit.

“You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire...” (Luke 3:16)

- A. Jesus not only died, rose, and ascended to save us but so that He could put a _____ in our hearts for God.

“I have come to ignite a fire on the earth and how I wish it was already burning.” (Lk. 12:49)

Christianity isn’t about having a form of religion; it’s about being on fire for God (passion, power, and purity).

- B. God doesn’t just want us to discover our gifts but He wants us to allow the Holy Spirit to ignite those gifts so that what we attempt to do can become God working through us. We cannot control the fire but we can provide fuel for the fire.

Questions to answer to be set on fire?

1. Are you combustible? (What can you bring to the fire everyday to keep it burning bright?)
“Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.” (Rom. 12:11 AMP)
2. Are you willing to have the Holy Spirit possess you _____? The question isn’t if you have the Holy Spirit but whether the Holy Spirit completely has you!
3. Have you asked and are you asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” (Luke 11:13)

II. We live up to the full potential of our calling by letting the Holy Spirit _____ us.

- “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” (Acts 2:1)
- “And the glory which you gave Me I have given them that they may be one, even as we are one.” (Jn. 17:22)

- A. One of the reasons the Holy Spirit was able to fill them so is that they had spent the previous weeks letting the Holy Spirit resolve their difference and unite them. We don’t achieve unity; we _____ to the unity only the Holy Spirit can bring.
- B. We only can truly fulfill our calling by joining our gifts and efforts with the gifts and efforts of _____. **Find your team, find your dream!**
“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.” (Rom. 12:4-5)

People who fulfill their calling ask the question, “Where do you want me to fit in and serve with others in pursuing your purposes on earth?”

III. Partnership with the Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill our calling as we learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and continuously _____ us in how we can participate in what He is doing.

We fulfill our calling not what we can do but by how we learn to follow His leading.

- A. One of the greatest gifts the Holy Spirit brings is the ability to _____ God’s voice and know His will. *“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring Me glory by telling you.” (Jn. 16:13-15)*

I believe the greatest separator between those who fulfill God’s calling partly and those who fulfill God’s calling completely is whether a person cultivates the skill of hearing and following the promptings and _____ of the Holy Spirit on an ongoing basis.

Because fulfilling God’s calling depends on recognizing the doors God is opening and seizing the _____ God is giving.

- C. It is the whispers of God that lead to the _____ and breakthroughs of God in and through our lives.

Keys to partnering with the Holy Spirit through listening

1. Regularly practice the discipline of practicing _____ in your heart for the purpose of listening to God’s heart. Do anything you can to turn down the volume of the world and turn up the volume on God’s voice in your life.
2. Be flexible and willing to recognize when God is _____ your plans.
“A mind of a man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” (Prov. 16:9)
3. _____ the leading of God to use you as a “mail carrier” to deliver a miracle or a message of grace to others. *“You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.” (Jn. 4:35 NLT)*
4. Seize the moment. Take the _____ to claim an opportunity for God.
5. Stay desperate for God’s Spirit to fill your life. It is only the recognition and acknowledgement of need that creates the space for God to fill us.

(Answers: partnership, aware, with, following I. ignite, fire, completely II. unite, surrender, others III. guide, hear, whispers, opportunities, miracles, silence, changing, Anticipate, risk)