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ABOUND, A CALL TO PURPOSEFUL SERVANT LEADERSHIP JESSIE SENECA

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

YOU MAY BE AN INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH OTHERS ENCOUNTER GOD, BUT ONLY TO THE MEASURE THAT YOU MEET WITH HIM YOURSELF.

Priscilla Shirer

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

- » To know it is God's calling, not your own
- » To fulfill God's purpose for our lives
- » One that the leader remains in the Word of God
- » The essence of ministry is to go our of our way for others.
Set self aside and reach out with true compassion

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU KNOW WHERE TO PUT YOUR EFFORTS:

- » Where do you supremely experience God's pleasure?
- » What do you dream about doing in the kingdom?
- » What do you do that you can't stop talking about?

WHEN YOU HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOUR BASIC GIFT IS, THEN IT IS LIKELY THAT YOU WILL GO THROUGH LIFE WITH MINIMUM EFFECTIVENESS AND MAXIMUM WEARINESS. WHEN YOU DO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR BASIC GIFT IS, I PROMISE YOU THAT YOU WILL GO THROUGH LIFE ACHIEVING MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS WITH MINIMUM WEARINESS.

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WE ARE CALLED (Chip Ingram)

- » To a Person — Jesus Christ
- » To a Purpose — Model Jesus Christ, be more like Him
- » To a People — You influence different people
- » To a Passion — A cause or ministry

PEOPLE BUY INTO THE LEADER—THEN THE VISION

- » Be a leader with good influences & passion—one other want to follow
- » Leaders touch the hearts before they ask for the hand
- » Leadership is Influence

4 WAYS A LEADER CAN PURSUE PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP:

1. Walk in a manner worthy of your calling (Ephesians 4:1)
2. Fulfill the ministry set before you (2 Timothy 4:5)
3. Abound in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
4. Live fruitfully (Mark 4:20)

A mission statement describes what a person or company wants to do now.

A vision statement outlines what a person or company wants to be in the future.

THE MISSION IS GOD'S CALL ON YOUR LIFE. YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR MISSION IS WHEN YOU COMPLETE THIS STATEMENT, "GOD CALLED ME TO:

VISION IS YOUR UNIQUE TAKE ON THAT MISSION. YOU CAN STATE YOUR VISION BY COMPLETING THE STATEMENT, "WHEN THE MISSION IS COMPLETE, IT WILL LOOK LIKE THIS:

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PERSONAL TIMELINE

Write your own timeline:

- » When you felt called into ministry or vocation
- » When your ministry or vocation to others began
- » The milestones along the way—good and bad
- » The different ministries or marketplaces you have been a part of
- » When it all changed from serving yourself to serving others
(write a word that only you know represents that time)
- » To where you are today
- » Initial under the timeline of those who have been beneficial in
your journey, good and bad influences



***SOMETIMES GOD REQUIRES US TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE
OUT OF OBEDIENCE TO HIS CALL.***

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- » Are you ready to take a risk?
- » Do you see the value of “today” versus the mentality of an eventual “one day”?
- » Does change energize or paralyze you?
- » Do you take responsibility for your life and decisions?
- » Are you ready to finish what you started?
- » Are you willing to do what others are not, even if that includes hard work?

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SIX WAYS WE CAN PURSUE FRUITFUL LIVING:

1. **Receive, Believe, Achieve**—Hear the Word of God (daily), believe it, and then act on it.

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:25)

2. **Move beyond the past**—Don't allow past attempts, failures, or fears to stop you from moving forward.

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, . . . All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (Ephesians 2:1-5 NLT)

3. **Goal-setter, Goal-keeper**—Make a list of what you want to accomplish, and then set deadlines. Be specific. Yes, God calls us to make plans and create deadlines, but it's important for you to be flexible when He steps in to nudge your direction.

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. (Proverbs 16:1 [NASB], 9 [ESV])

4. **Know your Why**—Know why you are doing what you are doing and be emotionally connected to the action.

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it. (Psalm 37:5)

5. **Trust God with the outcome**—Do your part as God leads and then allow Him to complete it. Yes, following Jesus means relinquishing control and allowing Him to take the wheel. He will reveal all that you need to know for each step. Trust Him with the outcome. I found myself writing in my journal today, Give me the wisdom to search Your plans as I walk in Your ways.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

6. **Make the move**—Pray, pray, pray, and then take the step of faith needed to accomplish all God is calling you to. Hans Finzel, an author of ten books on leadership, says, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."

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Top Ten Ways To Be a Great Leader, Hans Finzel

The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Good Leader, John Maxwell