

"DISCERNING YOUR CALLING"

Series: "WORK MATTERS", Part 3 of 4 Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM Mother's Day

Text: Romans 12:1-8, and other relevant passages

Big Idea: Discerning and living-out one's calling infuses life with meaningfulness and purpose.

I. GOD'S CALLING HAS MORE TO DO WITH CHARACTER THAN CAREER.

Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Psalm 32:8, I will instruct and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Romans 8:14, Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Isaiah 58:11a, The Lord will guide you always.

Isaiah 30:21, Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Psalm 73:24a, "You guide me with your counsel."

II. GOD'S CALLING WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PARTICULAR GIFTS, PASSIONS AND PERSONALITY HE GIVES TO US.

Romans 12:3-5, "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:6-8, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

Psalm 139:13 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

- A. What are you gifted to do?
- B. What are you passionate about?
- C. What is your personality type?

III. GOD'S CALLING UNFOLDS AS WE "BLOOM WHERE WE'RE PLANTED."

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