

PRAYER STUDY # 43

“THE CALL”

2<sup>ND</sup> Peter 1:10

*“Brethren, be even more diligent...take all the more care...make all the greater effort...do your absolute best...be all the more earnest...be zealous...exert yourself to make your election and **calling** sure. If you will do this, you will never stumble, you will never make a slip, you will never come to grief.”*

According to scientists, there are 5 basic things that can change a person:

**HATRED**

**AMBITION**

**LUST**

**LOVE**

**DESTINY**

**Destiny, your sense of having and knowing your purpose or calling in life, can change a person more, according to these same experts, than all the rest of the basic life changers. Furthermore, the call on your life, i.e. your destiny, is the purpose your Heavenly Father created you. What do you think is your destiny or purpose or call, and what is going to change at all because you lived on this earth?**

**THE BIBLE SAYS:**

*You are a partaker of a heavenly calling. (Hebrews 3:1)*

*You have been called with a holy calling. (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:9)*

*You must behave in a worthy manner based on your calling. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:11)*

*You have a call of God upon your life, which will require great effort to reach. A great personal prize awaits those who press into it and possess it. (Philippians 3:14)*

*You have been called to a glorious future. (Ephesians 4:4)*

*You were called by none other than Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:18)*

*You were not called based on human qualifications. (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:26)*

*You were called with an irrevocable call. (Romans 11:29)*

*God will faithfully fulfill your call, for He's the One who initially issued the call. It was His idea, not yours. (1st Thessalonians 5:24)*

*He calls you as a unique individual, even calling you by name. (John 10:3)*

Questions to discover your call by Dennis Cramer, *THE MASTER'S CALL*

1. As a Christian, what rewards you the most?
2. As a Christian, what depletes you the most?
3. As a Christian, what would you do differently for God if money were not an issue?
4. As a Christian, what do people ask of you the most?
5. As a Christian, what ministry activity connects you to the supernatural realm the most?
6. As a Christian, where do you rely on faith and grace the most?
7. As a Christian, what costs you the most?
8. As a Christian, what influences your plans for your future the most?
9. As a Christian, what gifts stand out in your life the most?
10. Are you a servant?

The Five Fold Ministry

Ephesians 4:11-13

*And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*

1. PASTORS
2. TEACHERS
3. EVANGELIST
4. PROPHETS
5. APOSTLES

MINISTRY GROUPS

1. What do you think is the destiny of this ministry? Are we fulfilling that destiny or letting Him down?
2. Someone(I believe it was David Wilkerson)said, "Every soul won on the streets was first won in prayer. Please stop right now and let each person, who wants to and will, pray for someone out loud that he or she really wants to see saved.
3. Soul-winning is usually the first thing to go when a ministry becomes Laodocian(see Rev. 3:14-19) and first thing to go when the church goes into heresy. Who is the last person you remember who was saved as a direct result or fruit of this ministry?
4. What should we as a ministry be doing to bringing in the harvest and growing people up in the faith? Please be real as you think about these questions. If it costs something and you are not willing to pay the price, then don't suggest that "we" do it.
5. "I am the Christian Satan warned you about." Are you? Why or why not?