

## VISIONS OF VOCATION

Verse Of The Month: Galatians 5:1 (Pass Out Laminated Scripture Of The Month)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery

In surveys 80% don't like their job. Most have not taken the time to figure out their calling.

(SHAPE, Erik Rees, 21)

I. DISCERN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_:

What are you to accomplish with your life?

Just as we have individual fingerprints. We have individual "soul prints" to use one author's term. We are God's individual, hand made masterpieces.

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,  
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Did you know that you have a divine destiny given to you by God? Did you know that you are a his unique, hand made masterpiece with a plan for your life?

Psalms 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### EXAMPLE OF DAVID

Acts 13:36 Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

### PRAYER

"Prayer is the difference between the best we can do and the best God can do." (Draw The Circle, Mark Batterson, 226)

"The plans of God are only revealed in the presence of God." (Draw The Circle, Mark Batterson, 15)

### EXPERIENCES

What most excites you about the world?

What makes you come alive?

"There is always one moment in childhood. When the door opens and lets the future in."—Graham Green

"Where a man's wound is, that is where his genius will be." —Robert Bly (Soul Print, Mark Batterson, 126)

## GIFTS

Exodus 31 Bezalel and Oholiab given gifts as craftsmen to work on the Tabernacle.

What gifts are in your backpack?

"Many studies have revealed that the average person possesses from 500 to 700 different skills and abilities—far more than you realize." (The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren, 242)

"what you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God." —Danish Proverb (The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren, 249)

What will be the contribution of my life?

"All men die, but not all men live." Find your God given calling so that you can really live.

HOMEWORK: Write a personal mission statement!

## II. DO YOUR JOB WITH \_\_\_\_\_:

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Ecclesiastes 9:10a Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, . . .

Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

## III. REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ YOU WORK FOR:

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, not for human masters,

## IV. REMEMBER THE \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 20:9, 10 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I love the simplicity of the call of Jesus. The Holy Spirit records for us in the gospels that Jesus simply went to Peter, Andrew, James, John and the rest and says "Follow Me."