

YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are CALLED according to his PURPOSE FOR THEM. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them TO BECOME LIKE HIS SON, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters."
Romans 8:28-29 (NLT)

You were created for God's pleasure. You're first calling in life is to be loved by God. Letting God love you is the bedrock of everything that happens in your life. Second is to belong to his family—the church, and thirdly, is to become like Jesus. You are not going to be god, but God does want you to be godly. In Romans 8:28-29 you are clearly chosen by God and he is calling you to live out your purpose. Your calling in life is your purpose in life. Your first three calling are actually blocks building on top of each other. You love the Lord your God—that's Worship. You belong to his family (church), and that is Fellowship. And in his church you will be disciplined to become like Christ. Your goal is to become the man or the woman that God wants you to be. The bible used the word race to describe your journey following Jesus. Your race is not a sprint, it's a marathon. From the book of Hebrews you will find principles how to run your particular race to finish well in your marathon to maturity.



"Running Your Marathon to Maturity"

• MY 3RD LIFE CALLING: _____

TOOLS WE USE: HOW DO I BECOME WHAT GOD CALLS ME TO BE?

1. _____
"Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the PARTICULAR RACE that God has set before us."
Hebrews 12:1 (LB)

2. _____
"...let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us."
Hebrews 12:1b

3. _____
"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish." Hebrews 12:2a (NLT)

"All of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, WE BECOME more and more like him and reflect his glory even more." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

SERMON OUTLINE _____

4. _____
"Jesus did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up." Hebrews 12:2-3 (TEV)

"After you suffer for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right. He will make you strong and support you and keep you from falling. HE CALLED YOU to share in his glory in Christ, a glory that will continue forever." 1 Peter 5:10 (NCV)

5. _____
"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

6. _____
"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be... I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is CALLING us up to heaven." Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

7. _____
"All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches." 1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NLT)

"Lift up your tired hands, then, and strengthen your trembling knees! Keep walking on straight paths, so that your lame foot may not be disabled, but instead be healed." Hebrews 12:12-13 (TEV)

8. _____
"I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

"Dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is!" John 3:2 (NLT)



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One Message!