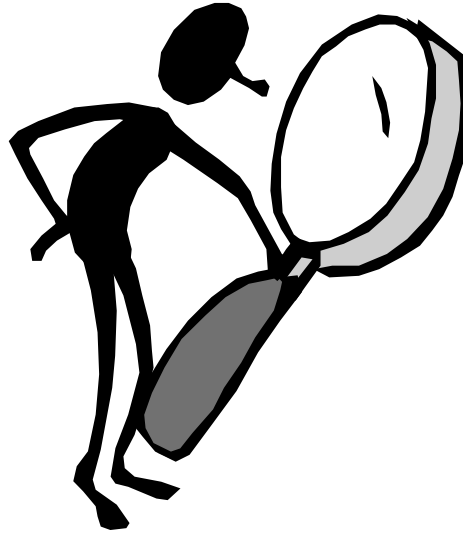


Discover God's Calling On Your Life



**This document will help
you to discover God's calling on your life,
to understand it better and to live in it.**

Even if you know already what God has called you to, it can be helpful to discover totally new aspects of your calling.

Are you ready?

**Come on a journey
that will change your life ...**



What does „Calling“ mean?

There's a lot of discussion about this topic in christian circles. But what does the term „calling“ really mean for your life for and with God?

General Calling (that applies for every Christian)

There is a general calling that applies for EVERY Christian. This includes to love God and people (see Luke 10, 25-28), to be a witness for God in the world (see Acts 1, 8) and to make disciples (see Matthew 28, 19f.).

Personal Callings (that is about what God has planned to do through your special, individual life)

But God created you as an individual! You are special and God wants to act in a special way in and through your life.

That's why God has an individual calling for you personally!

God has a good plan for your life:

„For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.“
(Jeremiah 29, 11)

God already knows the paths of your life:

„Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. “
(Psalm 139, 16)

God has already planned and prepared tasks that you will discover and fulfil on your life's journey:

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

It is God's will that you focus your mind, your thinking and your desire on Him so that you will be able to test and approve what God's will is for you (see Romans 12, 2). So He wants you to know what His Plan (or will) is for your life.

A persons' life's calling is *not limited* to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit (like described

in 1. Corinthians 12-14) and it is *not limited* to certain ministries within a local church. *The real issue here is to find out* which tasks Jesus calls you to do and where He sends you. It is about your life's calling, about your life with and for God while you are walking in the works He has prepared for you to do. It is about a natural lifestyle, led by the Holy Spirit. As well in the „normal, everyday life“ outside the church walls. Think about this: How many hours per week do you spend in a local church and how many hours do you spend in the world, in the „normal, everyday life“? See, we should not limit God in a way, so that He is only allowed to act within the few hours where we are inside a local church (building).

Some Christians have a calling that is mainly focussed on ministry inside a local church

Ministries inside a local church include apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (see Ephesians 4, 11-13). Furthermore there are elders (see Acts 14, 23) and deacons (see Acts 6, 1-7). But not every Christian is called to one of these ministries. If you discover that your calling is inside a local church then don't forget: Our proper worship is to offer us as a living sacrifice for God at all times (see Romans 12, 1), burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1, 8). You are an ambassador of Jesus Christ (see 2. Corinthians 5, 20). You are God's love letter to the world. That's why God will also use you every now and then outside (= in the world, in other local churches etc.) even if your main focus of ministry is within your „own“ local church.

Other Christians have a calling that is mainly focussed on ministering to people outside a certain local church

Ministries that are not mainly focussed on a local church include people who are called into the business world; into their family; callings into full-time ministry e.g. travelling ministry, teaching ministry; callings into the „mission field“ etc. Also a calling as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher (see Ephesians 4, 11-13) can be outside a certain local church (depending where God wants to use you). That's because God's focus is on the whole body of Christ (= all Christians, see Ephesians 4, 12) and not limited to a local organisation. If your mainly called to minister to those outside of a certain local church you can surely also be active inside a certain local church.

How You Can Discover Your Personal Calling!

There are three areas in your life that you should take a closer look at:

- 1.) What God has spoken to you
- 2.) Your gifts, talents and skills
- 3.) Your motivation, what is in your heart

For each of these areas you will find a section within this text document which includes several questions. These questions will help you to explore what is present in these areas of your life!

Take time for this and pray about these questions. The Holy Spirit will love to help you. Stay in dialogue with Him and ask Him what HE says about these topics. Then also write down what He says to you. There is a question „And what is God saying to you about this?“ beneath every topic. There you can write down any prophetic impressions you get and what God is saying to you personally.

Hint:

You can also start with answering all the questions first and ask God afterwards what He is saying to you about this topic.

Work with these questions over a period of several weeks or even months. Come back to this text document from time to time and write down if you get any additional thoughts and insights.

When you deal with these questions (in prayer and meditation) then you will receive further details about your calling.

Maybe God has already clearly spoken to you about your calling. Then you will surely explore some aspects of your calling and ministry in a new way and deepen your understanding of the plans God has for you.

This topic is important. Very important! Don't think that you are too weak (or „too old“, „too young“ etc.) and that God is not able to use you. God is able to use weak people – and He loves to do that (see 1. Corinthians 1, 26-29; 2. Corinthians 4, 7).

You are a history maker. You are a planet changer. God wants to change the world and He wants to change it through you! You are part of this transformation to change the face of this planet and to change the face of eternity. Your life is not an accident. God has planned it. God has planned you and you are part of the perfect plan that He has for this world. God has chosen you to bear fruit and this fruit will last (see John 15, 16)!

Requirements To Discover Your Calling:

The questions in this document may give you hints towards your personal calling but they are like bits and pieces. These questions alone will not be able to provide you with a clear and complete picture of God's calling on your life.



The most important thing is that you learn to hear and discern God's voice for yourself.

Only HE can tell you what your calling is!

And only HE is the one who calls and appoints!

Therefore it is important that you stay in dialogue with God and that you write down what He says to you (prophetic impressions). You'll find free space in this document to put down your notes.

If you can't hear God's voice yet or if you are unsure about this then you can read our articles about prophecy and hearing God's voice. Visit the category [„teaching about prophecy“](#) where you will find many helpful teachings.

(Note: The articles are written in German but you can use the help of "Google Translate".)

If God Calls You To Something That Sounds Totally Strange To You:

God often uses our hearts desires, that means that He uses you in an area that you already have a heart for.

But also the opposite might happen: God may call you into an area that is (still) totally strange for you. Maybe it is something where you think: „That totally doesn't fit me!“

We want to encourage you to be open for both possibilities when you answer the questions in this document. Trust God! He surely know what is best for you!

For this reason we share our personal stories how God called us as examples:

When you read Tobias' story you will see how God (even before his conversion) had placed desires into his heart that suited God's calling on his life. When you read Julias story you will on the other hand see how God called her into an area which she had no interest to enter. God gave her the joy and the equipping for that specific area later.

Both: „God has called us into the prophetic ministry independently from each other. Shortly after He had brought us together as a couple we realised that. The main focus of our common calling is in the prophetic but our calling also has a significant focus on the apostolic (e.g. equipping others in faith; manifesting the kingdom of God in this world –

often in „pioneer areas, uncharted land“).

Tobias: „I grew up in an atheistic family. But I realized very early the existence of a spiritual realm and of supernatural forces. Sadly I entered the wrong path – into the esotericism - because nobody showed me how I could get to know JESUS and what the christian faith was about.

During the time in the New Age discovered some of strong desires that were in my heart: To serve people and to train them spiritually; the supernatural; healing and the like. After Jesus revealed himself to me and after I got saved I received my true calling: The calling into the prophetic ministry, with a focus on specific topics like healing, the heavenly realm, walking in the Spirit and how to operate in the unseen realm. Then I realised: God had already planted these desires into my heart ... but only with JESUS (and with HIS equipping) I was able to come into my calling! After that I met Julia and when she also received a call into prophetic ministry, my own calling and the path that led me towards it got more and more disclosed to me.“

Julia: „My story is totally different. I was raised up with the christian faith but my parents had no real relationship with Jesus. As a young teenager I gave my life to Jesus and then I began to have strong experiences with Him. Since that time I knew that God had a special calling for me – but I was not able to hear God's voice clearly enough. In the year 2006 I was involved a lot with the topic calling, but I didn't know how to discover my calling. In the same year I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and shortly after that I started a training in geriatric nursery. During my training I carried a strong sorrow inside of me because I felt: 'That's not the right path for me.' In 2010 I met Tobias and then a lot changed. In January 2011 God spoke to me personally in a very clear way and He called me into the prophetic ministry. I have to say: Before that call, the gift of prophecy and the prophetic ministry were the last thing I wanted! Before that I had refused the prophetic and I had lots of preconceptions. I could not imagine that God would use me in that area. But God encouraged me a lot. Now I'm glad that I came into my true calling. Listening to God's voice was what brought my breakthrough!“

Maybe you want to read our detailed stories how we came to Jesus and how we came into our calling. You find our stories on our website:

- [Tobias` Story](#)
- [Julias Story](#)

God can use your (spiritual and natural) gifts and skills for your calling. But He can give you totally new gifts and skills as well. Don't be afraid if He calls you into an area that is yet strange to you. If this happens He will also give you the necessary equipment!

Now let's take a look at the three areas of your life which point towards your calling. You'll find three sections with particular questions:

d.) Negative Situations In Your Past Life, Curses etc.

What did Jesus liberate you from? And what will He set you free from?

Jesus will use your to set others free from exactly the same bad things that once hold you captive. This is because Jesus has given you freedom in these areas of former bondage. Now that you experienced freedom in these areas, you can share this freedom with others and help them to find liberty in these areas!

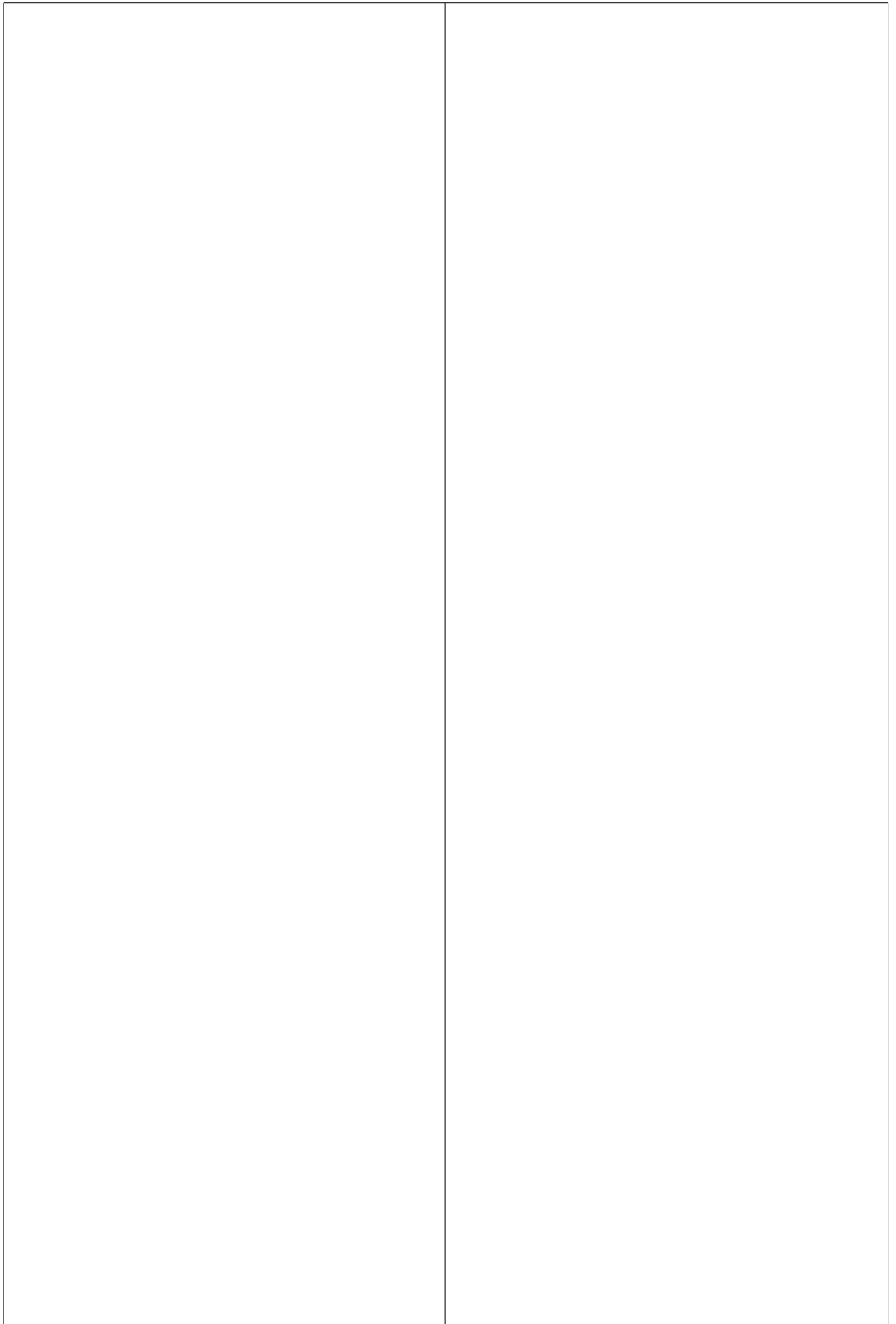
Here's a short exercise for you:

Write down all the negative events and all the negative stuff that happened to you in your past. Write that into the left column. Then write down what God will make good of it in the right column. Write down what God will give you INSTEAD of the negative stuff that happened to you or is keeping you in bondage. Often God will give you the exact opposite to the negativity. These are God's promises to you! (See Isaiah 61, 1-4, note that God gives positive things INSTEAD of negative things, which He plans to take away and to replace them with something positive)

Take hold of these promises in the right column! Declare them over your life – and start live in them.

(Read more about this exercise in our two articles: [„The war for your prophetic destiny“](#) and [„The enemy's plan vs. The plan of God for your life!“](#))

The enemy's plan (What he has robbed from you; his lies towards you; negative events and negative, hurtful stuff of the past etc.)	The plan of God for your life (What God will bring to restore; His promises; His blessings instead of curses; also ask God about it!)



Analysis: What Is Your Calling?



Did you answer the questions in the three areas so far?

Then let's continue towards the next step: Answer the question „And what is God saying to you about this?“ in every section of this document.

For this purpose take a closer look your answers to the questions. Stay in dialogue with God and ask Him what He says about it. Maybe you will remember and review certain specific prophetic words of God that you received in your past. But surely you will discover and explore more deeply many details. These details will lead you to discover certain key areas that will function as „building blocks“ which will fall into place with each other. Together, they will provide you with a larger and more complete picture of your personal calling. Need to put these parts together like a jigsaw-puzzle. You need to connect the dots.

If you already know your calling: Can you identify specific areas of ministry into which God is leading you? Or can you identify a completely new ministry which God has for you?

Talk to God about it and ask Him. Let Him show it to you. Be patient if He doesn't show it right now. Sometimes it takes more time and if that happens then just be patient and wait.

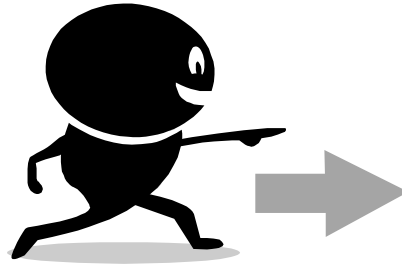
After that you can write down your analysis/ conclusion:

Your calling is:

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Describe your calling in more detail:

Your Calling: The Next Steps



What do you have to do practically? What do you need to learn (regarding your calling)? What are the next steps?

Start To Ask God Questions (Examples):

- Do you want me to be equipped in one or more gift(s) of the Holy Spirit for my calling?
- Should I learn new a natural skill, begin a (new) training/ education etc.?
- Should I live out my calling in a local church?
(If yes: Ask God about the right time and when you should contact the church leader(s) etc.)
- Is there another specific step that I should take next?

Maybe there are other questions coming to your mind. Ask God to speak to you about it. Ask Him to give you wisdom for the next steps.

Maybe you want to share this with other Christians and to ask them for advice. But don't be put off if they may have other opinions. Trust in God and trust what He (clearly and precisely) says to you!

Be led by the Holy Spirit and start to live in your calling. The LORD is your shepherd, He will guide you and lead you. God is with you and He will never forsake you!

Be patient if God doesn't answer every question that you have. Sometimes that's because He wants us to trust Him more and that we have faith and „walk on the water“ for some time. This means: Maybe He is showing you only the next step – then trust Him and start walking in your calling!

„Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.“

(Psalm 37, 5-6, NIV)

