

I Am Called

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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God has a plan for each one of us. We may all prepare big plans for our lives, but God has an even grander plan even before we were born (Jeremiah 1:5). Our personal Calling could change our lives, and through this calling, we can find our treasures. When we realize God's plan and surrender ourselves to His design, only then can we find joy and life's greatest meaning. Thus, let us pray for the wisdom of the heart to be able to discern what is God's will, what is our calling, and what is good and right (1Kings3:5-14).

There are three implications of **The Christian CALLING:**

1. **We are Called to be HOLY** (Lev. 19:2, Mt 5:48)
 - 1.1. Everyone belonging in the Church is called to holiness. We can never be perfect. But God's grace will perfect us and His love will sustain us.
 - 1.2. We have to lift our hearts to the Lord, and pray for His grace to fill-in our inadequacies, and that His heart may live in our hearts.
 - 1.3. God sustains those He calls. Let us never underestimate God's grace. It will always be sufficient to help us be holy. On our own, we will easily fall.
 - 1.4. Whether belonging to the hierarchy or not, we can be holy if we respond to God's call to holiness and if we can realize our calling in this life. The holiness that is being asked of us is to help others, even if we are inconvenienced
2. **We are Called to LOVE** (Jn 13:34).
 - 2.1. The best expression of holiness is through loving. When Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He gave them this commandment - to love one another just as He has loved them.
 - 2.2. God's love is always mysterious. It is easy to understand when we are blessed with good health and a comfortable life. However, it is

difficult to understand God's love when faced with sickness and problems, or when our prayers are not answered to our liking.

- 2.3. In the midst of life's tragic moments, we can still feel God's love. When we are faced with the death of a loved one, we can experience the miracle of letting go and letting His will be done.
- 2.4. A priest's vow of chastity is the best expression of love; it is a love without owning or possessing; rather, it means giving one's all to everybody, and continuing to serve more people.
3. **We are Called to MISSION** (Mk 16:15)
 - 3.1. Jesus gave the mandate to all the disciples: go and spread the good news of the Gospel.
 - 3.2. Our time calls for new evangelization. However, there is a crisis of responding to God's call. This crisis calls for the commitment of every Christian community to evangelize, to open our hearts, to surrender our lives to God's mission.
 - 3.3. The seed of God's love needs to be planted in the families. The seed of the Christian mission needs to be instilled in each member of the family.
 - 3.4. We can be God's gift to other people; we can be channels of God's love and the heart of God to this world. Having that feeling of being a gift to others is the greatest gift that we can receive.

Conclusion:

It is up to each one of us to realize our personal calling. When we heed God's call, we will find happiness and true joy. The fulfillment of life is the realization of the will of God. When we trust and obey Him, His grace will be sufficient. Whatever response we give, we give everything to God's greater glory.

Reflection:

1. How are you responding to God's call? Have you realized your calling?
2. If not, how will you go about discerning God's will for you?

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