

Lesson Notes:

Answering God's Call

When God Calls us he just doesn't call us to salvation. He has a divine purpose and plan for each of our lives. The question is are we willing to seek and fulfill the purpose has for us in our lives or are we satisfied standing on the sidelines?

Scriptural Principles

1) **God calls us through his Grace** – Paul reminds us in **Ephesians 2:8-10** that it is through God's Grace that we are called and not by anything we have done.

Characteristics of God's Call –

2) **His call is personal** – In **Genesis 3:8-9** when God called to Adam he called for him personally.

3) **He gives commands not wishes.** - Jesus tells us in **John 6:38-40** that he was on earth to perform the will of his father in heaven. We are also here for a greater purpose. Not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh but the will of our father in heaven.

4) **He calls us too salvation.** – In **Matthew 11:28** and in **Luke 5:32** Jesus said his call is to sinners for repentance. Therefore, his call is for us to recognize we are sinners and in need of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

5) **He calls us to sanctification.** - Paul in **1 Tim 6: 11 – 16** gives an impassioned call to Timothy to pursue righteousness, faith, love and patience and to contend for the faith.

6) **He calls us to service.** – In **1 Tim 6:11-16** and **2 Timothy 1:9** Paul encourages Timothy to compete for the faith and to live a holy life according to God's will.

7) **He calls us to support the Great Commission** – In **Matthew 28: 18 – 20** Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Whether we are personally involved in a foreign mission or simply attend church on a regular basis we should be supporting missionary work.

8) **God's call is serious! - Because it has eternal implications** – In **John 6:65**, **Matthew 7:13-14** and **Matthew 22:14** Jesus tells us that we are competing for people's souls.

9) **God's had a purpose for us before we were born.** – In **1 Galatians 1:15-16** Paul tells us that God had a purpose for our lives even before we were born. It is our calling to fulfill this purpose.

