

**You've Been Called, Now What?**  
*How To Live A Life Worthy of Your Calling*

Ephesians 4:1-3  
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We have been called into a life of hope. It's a life that is filled with God's riches and power. But how many of us are living lives that are worthy of this calling? God is more concerned about who we are than what we do, therefore we must understand what it looks like to live a life worthy of this call on our lives.

*"Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." Ephesians 4:1-3 (NLT)*

**1. Called to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"When pride comes, then comes shame, but wisdom is with those who have no pride." Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)*

*"The reward for not having pride and having the fear of the Lord is riches, honor and life." Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)*

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor." James 4:10 (NLT)*

*You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names..." Philippians 2:5-9 (NLT)*

- Humility means putting \_\_\_\_\_ first, \_\_\_\_\_ second, and \_\_\_\_\_ last.

**2. Called to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Gentleness is \_\_\_\_\_ under control.

*"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare" Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)*

*"Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit." Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)*

**3. Called to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.*

*Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes." Psalm 37:5-7 (NLT)*

- With patience comes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Called to \_\_\_\_\_.**

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- Bearing with one another requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ expressed in \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:31-31 (NLT)*

**5. Called to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Unity requires \_\_\_\_\_.
- Unity requires putting the needs of \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3 (NLT)*

*“I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.” John 17:21 (NLT)*

**6. Called to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Peace begins on the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you?” James 4:1 (NLT)*

- Peace comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)*

*“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.” Colossians 3:15 (NLT)*

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Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-3. Paul lists six character traits that lead to a life worthy of our calling. Which of these are the most challenging for you to live? Why?
2. In a world that encourages us to look out for “number one” how easy or difficult is it to live a life of humility?
3. Read Philippians 2:5-9. Jesus had an attitude of humility? What does it look like for you to have a similar attitude? Discuss the difference this kind of attitude would have as we live out our calling.
4. Read John 17:20-23. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus prayed for us? Discuss how the world will see Jesus when we live our lives in such a manner.
5. Discuss grace and forgiveness and the role they play in bearing with one another.
6. Colossians 3:15 tells us to *“let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.”* How is this accomplished? Discuss the difference it makes in relating to others when you yourself are at peace.

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