



God's House Series: Part 15: Commissioned, I Timothy 6:11-16 Mike Halpin ~ June 12, 2016

Intro: The Listening Heart, Vocation and the Crisis of Modern Culture, by AJ Conyers

Vocation means, "calling". Conyers offers a view of life that understands a life well lived is based on responding to God's call on us.

Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service.

From, "The Call", by Os Guinness:

At a foundational level, in a way that informs every other decision, those redeemed in Christ are not only called as sons and daughters but

- we are commissioned in the Name of God our Father.
- we are on assignment for Christ our Savior.
- we are called to a life of mission.

I. The Commissioned, Commissions—

- 1st Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus
 - Paul was directly commissioned by Jesus on the Road to Damascus, Acts 9.
 - Paul was recognized by the Jerusalem leadership as the key apostle to the Gentiles, Galatians 2:6-9.
- 1st Timothy 1:12 ...appointing me to his service,
- 1st Timothy 2:7 ... I was appointed a preacher and an apostle
- 1st Corinthians 9:16-27 ...17 I am still entrusted with a stewardship.
- ◇ 2nd Timothy 4:1-2 (to Timothy) I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus...
- ◇ 2nd Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Soldier and poet John McCrae, *In Flanders Fields*.

*To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

II. Gifted, Commissioned and Charged—

Paul knows Tim needs strong and repeated encouragement to remain faithful. We do too.

- ⇒ Marriages
- ⇒ Parenting
- ⇒ Relationships and serving in the household of faith
- ⇒ Friendships, fellow students, co-workers and neighbors.
- 1st Timothy 1:18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy
- 1st Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

- 1st Timothy 5:21 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

We are always affirming the gospel, and our call, or denying it, to the heavenly hosts and all those around us.

- 1st Timothy 6:11-16 11 But as for you, O man of God, flee, pursue, fight, take hold, keep the commandment...
- 1st Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you....21... Grace be with you.

III. Faithfully Following—

- Hebrews 12:1-2

A heavenly stadium, filled w/ the faithful of ages past who watch us as we run and finish our own life of faith.

As a child of God you have been given spiritual gifts, you have received God's call to service and you have a call and a commission to fulfill.

- What are my spiritual gifts?
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Am I using and developing them to fulfill my commission?

- What Spheres of influence am I called to serve in?
 ~ Family _____
 ~ Church _____
 ~ Neighborhood, job, school _____
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- What works of faith do I understand God is calling me to, Ephesians 2:10? _____

Nothing takes the place of simple faithfulness to the call of God on our life:

- 1 Samuel 15:22-23 Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices than in obeying the voice of the LORD.
- Luke 16:10 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

Series Summary:

The Church is God's house; He determines its values and practices.

We're called to honor God in His household, the Church:

- Affirming historic, orthodox teaching
- Praying for the world around us
- Affirming godly leadership
- Treating each other as fellow members in God's family; spiritual brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers
- Letting the truth of the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ inform every sphere of life.

May we be faithful in discharging our call in the Name of our Father, to the glory of our Savior, through the power of the Spirit. Amen