

WALKING OUT YOUR CALLING

Marketplace Missions

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God's Story

What does it look like to walk out our 'calling?'

Ephesians 4:2-3, 15, 22

POINTS TO PONDER:

God has a purpose and a calling on your life. You are on the earth for a reason. But once you realize God has a calling on your life it is imperative you learn how to walk in out on a daily basis. Below are some attributes of walking out our calling taking from the Scripture reading above.

1. **Be completely HUMBLE** - the act of seeing others are more important than ourselves
2. **Be GENTLE:-** calm, soothing, kindly
3. **Be PATIENT** - bear with one another in love is greater than simple tolerance. Love vests you in the relationship.
4. **KEEP UNITY of the Spirit through the bond of peace** - unity is about being able to work through differences (in peace) and creating greater unity in our commonalities
5. **Speak the TRUTH in LOVE** - "put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor," - the key word is 'love.' This means that we speak the truth to one another, but not in such a way as to hurt one another
6. **Have a NEW ATTITUDE** - What is this new attitude? Greater joy, hope, expectation, restoration, forgiveness, etc
7. **In ANGER DON'T SIN** - Anger will happen, it's how we handle anger that helps us stand out.
8. **Watch your WORDS** - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs," - we need to speak health and blessing to one another (James 3:9-11)

Your Story

POINTS TO PONDER:

1. Why doesn't "Do as I say, not as I do" work with our Christian walk?
2. How do we exhibit humility, patience and bearing with one another when that's not how we are treated?
3. What happens when we mess up in exhibiting the wrong attributes? How do we handle those circumstances?
*Share stories.
4. Why is it important that 'walking out our calling' looks different to those that observe us?

MISSION:

1. Last time we asked everyone to share their story of 'grace.' Ask people to share the experience.
2. This week, pick one of the attributes mentioned above and deliberately exhibit that quality in your everyday life.