



Find your call and be content

Many believers desire to go as high and far above as they can in their positions, careers, and influence but little do they know that their definitive ceilings or limits to where God would have them. We need to identify those limits or ceilings and be content. We should know God's will and be content with it.

In a football team, all players cannot be we all cannot be strikers or quarterbacks. You have to find your place on the team, stay in it, and be the best you can be.

Some have tried to identify their call through what they have a burden for. There is a place for that, but if **all** you have is a burden, you will be a **burden**, but if you have a call, you will be a **blessing**. Find your call and follow that, then only will you be a blessing, and will you make a godly difference.

- a) Stick to your gifting. Stay in your sweet spot. Stay in your lane.
 - i) Your call is your strength zone. That is where you will operate stronger as you rely on the Lord.
- b) Do not delegate your calling to other people.
- c) You cannot be **all** things to **all** people. Remember this, NO ONE is EVERYONE's cup of tea. Focus on the good part!

Not everything you are good at...

Here is something the Lord has taught me. Not everything you are good at, enjoy or passionate about is God's purpose for your life. Everyone is good at multiple things, but that does not mean

that those things are God's call on one's life. We need to discover our one thing and stick to it. I am decent at certain things such as sports and I can do fairly okay on a worship band, but that does not mean all these things represent God's purpose and call on my life. I love these things, but they are not what God has called me to do. I know deep down in my heart that the Lord has called me and anointed me to teach His Word to His people.

You will also face a time when you are good at multiple things and people will be telling you how this or that is God's call and gifting on your life and how you should pursue it. Why? because they see you are good at it. Will they also tell you to pursue another thing you are good at? Of course, they will. Truth be said, you cannot be pursuing everything. You need to go to the Lord and hear Him then narrow down your options to the one thing and do just that.

In the beginning of your ministry...

God will allow you and give you the freedom to do all things but as you grow, it begins to narrow down.

As you grow, your call becomes more defined and restrained meaning you no longer have the freedom to do certain things. At that time, you have to stay within your call.

I have also learned that when you are younger, you have many options and temptations to do many things, but as you grow older and walk with the Lord, your options begin to narrow which eventually reduces your available options and you get to find and do what God wants you to do. For instance, if you want to join the US military, they have a cut off age limit and once you pass it, that is no longer an option. You cannot go astray in that sense. This is true with many other things as well.

Called to Ministry?

Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:1

- a) Do not go to ministry if you are not called.
- b) You need to be called by God or you will not last. If you are self-sent, grandma sent, pastor sent, you will fail. You need be sent and called by God.
- c) If you can do anything else besides ministry, do it. You should not be in ministry unless you are called, and it is the absolute passion of your life. If you are satisfied doing anything else, do it. Do what will satisfy you or else you will quit ministry. You won't make it. Ministry is not for everyone. It's hard. It is not for quitters!

- d) The most demanding thing you can ever do is ministry—preaching the Gospel.

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