



## Living Into Your Calling

### Acts 1:12-26

**Listen!**

**Why are we talking about this?**

**Central Truth:** We get real joy from living into our calling.....not from turning aside to money.

- **The “Judas” Reality:** he turned aside from his calling to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **The “Other Eleven” Reality:** they turned aside from their careers to a life-time of meaningful \_\_\_\_\_, eternal impact, martyrdom, and terrific reward.
- **The Application.** When you turn aside from your calling for money you end up at best with second best and at worst with terrific grief.
  - **Let me be clear:** The application is not that I am not allowed to make money. The application is that I must wrap my heart around my calling, my identity, my chosen-ness; and let money making be a necessary incidental in my life.

**For Instance:**

**Application:** In God’s incredible love and wisdom He chooses us and calls us:

- To salvation:
- To Christ:
- To worship:
- To Christlikeness:
- To community:
- To ministry:
- To eternity:

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**The Central Idea:** We get real joy from living in our calling..not from turning aside to money.

**Following Christ is a daily deal.** Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** You are called and chosen, first and foremost **to salvation**. Have you put all your hope for forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus Christ? If not, is there any reason not to do that today? You can express trust in Christ by simply praying, “Dear God, I know I am a sinner and I have broken Your laws. I know that Jesus paid for my sin through His death on the cross. I give up on helping myself, I stop trusting in anything else, and I put all my hope of forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus. Thank You for forgiving me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”
- **Monday.** You are called and chosen, **to Christ**. Are you working daily to cultivate your relationship with Him? ...through prayer? ...through study of the Word? ...through fasting? ...through worship? ...through repentance and confession? ...through silence and solitude? ...through simplicity and service?
- **Tuesday.** You are called and chosen, **to worship**. Are you faithful in the daily adoration of God and in the regular corporate adoration of God? Have you come to understand that God is worthy of glory and praise at all times and that worthiness is not impacted by how you are feeling or doing?
- **Wednesday.** You are called and chosen, **to Christlikeness**. Do you understand that God’s towering desire is for you to become like His Son in your character? Are you submitting to that discipline and growth in your life?
- **Thursday.** You are called and chosen, **to community**. Do you see the central importance of walking through life in a community of believers, sojourners, and strivers? Are you cultivating friendships with other sojourners?
- **Friday.** You are called and chosen, **to ministry**. Have you discovered the deep, deep joy of being used by God in the service of others? Are you pursuing the gifts and ministry passions that God has given you?
- **Saturday.** You are called and chosen, **to eternity**. Are you tuned in to “the things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God?”

***“Joy is found in living into your calling.”***