



Call to Ministry  
Checklist

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This series of questions is meant to assist in the discernment of God's unique mission and call on your life. No person, or diagnostic tool can replace the role of God's Holy Spirit in this Divine engagement. Make it a priority to prayerfully reflect, meditate, and tune to God's clear voice. Though I have never heard the audible voice of God, I have known when He is speaking to my heart. You will benefit from this process according to the amount of time and effort that you put into seeking God's direction.

## **CALLING**

Review your salvation experience:

When/how did you feel called into full-time ministry?

In understanding that every believer is a minister, does that change anything in your view of your unique calling?

Identify your basic assumptions about why God would call you into full time professional Christian service. Could any of your assumptions be wrong?

## **HEART ISSUES**

What do you believe that God has laid on your heart for His people?

God used ordinary people to accomplish His purposes. It had very little to do with skill sets, and a great deal to do with faithfulness.

### **Which Bible character do you relate to best right now?**

- ☞ David the Goliath slayer, or the sin coverer?
- ☞ Abraham, the man of faith who put Isaac on the altar.
- ☞ Jacob, the deceiver who wrestled with God?
- ☞ Nehemiah who prayed and wept and dreamed of what could be for the glory of the Lord.
- ☞ Joshua, the conqueror, facing down giants in the land.
- ☞ Job the faithful one who suffered justly.
- ☞ Noah, standing with God in the midst of a corrupt culture?
- ☞ Moses, spending 40 years thinking he was somebody in Pharaoh's house, then 40 years in the desert being humbled, for finally coming to realize that God can use the humblest man on the face of the earth.
- ☞ Joshua having to face giants & Jericho to enter the promised land.
- ☞ Esther, placed in an important position on the throne for such a time as this.
- ☞ Paul who counted everything as loss compared to the surpassing greatness of Christ.
- ☞ Peter's brokenness between the trial and Pentecost.
- ☞ Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane submitting His will to the will of the Father.
- ☞ Mary, willing to do what she could with what she had when she broke the alabaster vase to worship the Lord.

Other examples?

How is the evil one opposing you?

What doubts might he be planting in your mind?

Charles Spurgeon would tell his students who were preparing for ministry, “if you can see yourself doing anything other than ministry, you should do it.” Are you convinced that ministry is God’s “plan A” for your life, or is it something you are falling back on because something you really wanted to do did not fall into place?

Is your call a part of your wholehearted worship of the Lord, and not a response of sacrifice fueled by past guilt?

Is there anything to which you have said, “I would NEVER do that!?”

Do you have a specific burden for a specific place, country, or people group?

If you could do anything in the world right now, what would you do?

Who is a father, mentor, or friend who can walk through this with you?

## **MINISTRY FIT**

Review your involvement in past ministries:

What brought you the greatest joy? Heartache?

What role in ministry do you see yourself fulfilling in the future?

Are you willing to be bi-vocational, at least for a while?

Are you willing to church plant?

Have you considered other options such as Christian counseling, writing, teaching, missions, evangelism, etc.?

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

What are your secular work skills? Your spouse's?

Does your spouse currently work?

How much do you need to live on?

How much debt do you have?

Could those expenses be cut?

What other considerations affect your decisions? (Schooling, children, aging parents, etc.)

Do you own your own home?

Are you willing to move?

Are there other sources of income (denomination, raising personal support, family, etc.)?

Are you under a time deadline?

## **CHALLENGES**

What fears do you have?

In what areas are you having to believe God (faith)?

What is the worst that could happen?

What miracles are needed?

## **READING RECOMMENDATIONS**

“Spiritual Leadership” by Henry and Richard Blackaby

“Leadership Explosion” by Joel Comiskey

“Spiritual Leadership” by J. Oswald Sanders

