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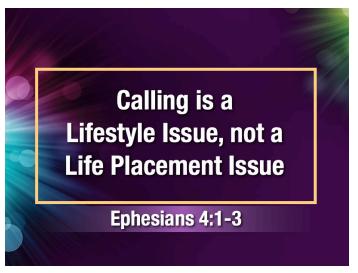
1 therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

—Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV

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Following Christ is for everyone

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...—Ephesians 4:1 Esv

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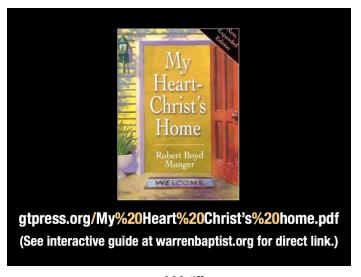
of us, everywhere, everyday.

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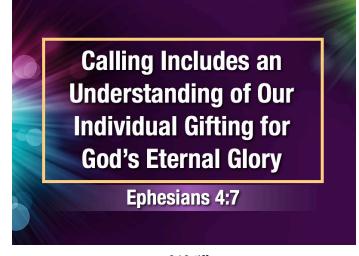
²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,
²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

—Ephesians 4:25-27 ESV

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"The Christ-filled life is a

self-emptied life." —Adrian Rogers

"Grace is a single word definition of the gospel, the good news of God's offering salvation to sinful and unworthy mankind. God is the God of grace because He is a God who freely gives; His giving has nothing to do with anything we have done, but is unmerited, unearned and undeserved."

—John MacArthur

of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. —Ephesians 4:7 ESV

But grace was given to each one

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¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
—Colossians 3:1-3 ESV

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23Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

—Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

Calling is not just for a few religious professionals; it is for you.

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"The priesthood of all believers
did not make everyone into
the church workers;
rather, it turned every kind of
work into a sacred calling."
—Gene E. Veith

3 Essential Questions About Your "Calling"

- 1. Where has God placed you today?
- 2. What has God gifted you to do?
- 3. Who are you positioned to serve?

Calling Honors Spiritual Gifts for Ministry Through All of God's People and Specific Giftings for Leadership in God's Church

Ephesians 4:11-16

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11And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...

14so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

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15Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

—Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV

The role/office of "Pastor" involves oversight/leadership.
"Teacher" has to do with insight—instruction and equipping.

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...praising God and having favor with all the people.
And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:47 ESV

You can't have a "part time" faith for a "full time" life, so don't buy into the deception that you aren't called to "full time" ministry.

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