

THIS IS GOD'S CALLING

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Jesus Christ revealed the sole purpose for the creation of the Christian church. He stood up in the temple and read a short prophecy from Isaiah. This statement summarized everything he stood for, everything that God wanted and everything we should build our life purposes upon. He delivered a message of real hope and opportunity for everyone.

God is your solution to life and joy:... and you are the world's solution to life and joy. Jesus spells it out in simple terms... it's the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit alone, that makes all the difference.

LUK 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath **anointed me to...**

...**preach** the gospel to the poor;

...he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,

...to **preach** deliverance to the captives,

...and recovering of sight to the blind,

...to set at liberty them that are bruised,

...**19 To preach** the acceptable year (*favourable times*) of the Lord.

The only way to overcome this world and the certainty of death, is through the power of the Holy Spirit... not through religious feelings or beliefs. People need to be told of the effective plans that God has for them, because no one else will. We are encouraged to be people of faith who train themselves to look for opportunities and generate conversations, to develop and exercise the gifts of the Spirit (the fruit of the Spirit is the result of exercising the gifts of the Spirit).

Talk to people, be friendly, share the joy of the Lord. ROM 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Be selective of who you choose as mentors in the Lord. PRO 27:9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel. *People who really care about you in the same way that the Lord does, will also support you in the same way as the Lord as well. It is equally important to be the friend to others, that we want for ourselves.*

When we are joyful in the Lord, it shows and our hearts seek the same for others. HEB 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (*in a continual state of joyful speaking*); (for he is faithful that promised); **24** And let us **consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:**

God will reshape our minds as we learn to grow in the Lord... if we ask him. JAM 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; *These verses will come as a bit of a shock, because they are the opposite to how we might naturally think.* **3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. **4** But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. *Be encouraged to hold fast as a result will definitely come.* **5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men **liberally**, and **upbraideth not** (*God is generous with support and never critical of a faithful approach, even in weakness and fear*); and it shall be given him. *The next verse is a real eye opener as well...* **ECC 1:18** For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. *There are some very surprising realities that we will all learn to deal with as we grow and mature in the Lord... however, we never lose the joy of the Spirit as well allow God to teach us his wisdom.*

This is a very simple, yet effective way to live our lives. COL 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. *This is God's calling.*