



SERIES: Ephesians
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Scripture: Ephesians 3:10-11
TITLE: Your Calling in Life

What is your calling in life? Have you ever wondered that? I have wrestled with that many times. It's a question of purpose. What is my purpose in life? I think non-Christians have the hardest time figuring this out, because a life apart from God is empty and self-serving. But every person found in Christ has a calling and a purpose of incredible importance!

What is that purpose? What is that call? Paul answers this question in Ephesians 3:10-11.

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Eph. 3:10-11, NLT)

Why did God create the Universe? Why did God create the Earth? Why did He create mankind? Was He bored? Was He earning His paycheck? No, of course not. God did it for His glory. That's why Paul says, "God's purpose in all this". What's *all this*? Well, over the past few days, we saw that God had a plan to offer Salvation to everyone, by grace through faith.

When people get saved, they don't get saved just out of a life of debauchery, hopelessness, and sin. People get saved into a family, new life, and endless hope and peace. Why would God do this? To display His wisdom, which is deep and wide. It's rich. This wisdom is on display to the physical world, but also the spiritual world. This was His plan before the Universe began. Why? To bring God glory. You see, our calling in life – our purpose – our mission is to bring God glory. That's the big mystery solved.

So many people today are struggling with finding meaning and purpose. When I was in full-time leadership development, I'd talk with employees across the organization: executives, managers, and front-line workers. Each person deeply desired to know that their job and role really mattered to the organization as a whole. A paycheck was nice, but significance was desired. That's why I helped organizations clarify their mission, vision, and values. Because if an employee could connect their work to those imperatives, they found the meaning they were looking for.

Today, if you're feeling discontent in life, if you're feeling like you don't know your calling or purpose, God says, "I saved you on purpose and for a purpose. You have a calling, and that is to glorify me wherever you are, doing whatever it is you do." How? Following Christ. Obeying God's Word. Worshipping Him. And spreading the Good News.

My challenge for you today is to obey God at your workplace, at your home, at the gym, in your Bible study, or wherever it is you go. Follow Christ in your obedience. And when God provides an opportunity to share the Good News of what Christ has done, do it.

No matter what your job title is, no matter what your marital or parental status may be, no matter what neighborhood you live in, you matter to God. Therefore, let's glorify Him in all areas of life.