

# COMMITMENT TO YOUR CALLING AND ASSIGNMENT

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Every Christian is called to be a faithful and loyal son of God. This calling demands commitment to be actualized. There is no way a man can fulfill destiny without commitment. No man can fulfill his calling of sonship without committing himself to learning about his life and calling. No man can succeed in any endeavour without commitment to being himself, fulfilling his assignment and calling.

*John 1:12-13*

*12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

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*Rom 1:6*

*6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.*

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*Rom 8:30*

*30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

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Apart from the calling to be sons of God, we all have specific callings in the overall plan of God for the earth. I know my calling. Do you know yours? Everyone is gifted to fulfill an assignment. What are you gifted to do? Have you ever asked God why you were given the gifts you were given? Have you ever asked God why you were given the personality that you have? Have you ever asked God and meditated on why you were chosen by God to be born again in your family and community? Do you know why you are alive and not dead? Do you know the plan of God for your life? It is your duty to search out the plan of God for your life and submit to it. Discovery and commitment to the calling of God for your life guarantees success and great fulfillment. Success is only guaranteed when you are at the place of your assignment. Provision and heavenly backing is only guaranteed at the place of your assignment.

*Rom 1:1*

*1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God-*

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*Eph 4:11-13*

*11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

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Rom 12:3-8

*3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

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1 Cor 12:12-31

*12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

*14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.*

*21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

*27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way.*

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You can't be me and I can't be you. We are all wired differently to do different things for God. I have found my calling and assignment. Have you found yours? Some are called to be full time serving the Lord, while some are called to serve part time. Some are called to the teaching ministry, while others are called to the evangelical ministry. While some are called into music ministry, some are called into drama ministry. While some are called to reach out to the down and out in the society, some are called to reach out to the rich and affluent. While some are called to reach out to the children, some are called to reach out to the youth, some to the elderly, some to the married, and some to the singles. There are different kinds of ministries in the kingdom. There are different kinds of audiences and peoples groups in the world today. You must identify your gift and your audience. Who are you called to reach? What is your message and method of reaching them? We are all called to do different things for God.

It is the desire of God that all His children will seek Him in order to find out what they are called to do for Him and His Kingdom.

*Jer 29:11-13*

*11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

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**Process of fulfilling your assignment:**

1. Recognize your gifts and skills divinely given to you to fulfill a certain purpose and plan of God.
2. Seek God through sincere and intense soul searching prayers, and God will reveal to you what you need to know.
3. Always remember, it is not what you want but what God wants. It is not your will but His will that will be done and submitted to.
4. Submit to whatever God reveals or convinces you is His will, plan and purpose for your life on earth. Though it is in contrast to what you want for yourself, submit to His will. Always remember that we were created for His pleasure and not ours. The Lord Jesus Christ taught us to always pray that God's will be done here on earth as it is in Heaven, so it is important that we submit to His will at all times and in all things. Submit to God's plan for your life. Provision, promotion, protection and divine backing is guaranteed at the place of assignment.

*Matt 6:9-13*

*9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'*

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5. Commit yourself to pursuing the assignment from Heaven. Apostle Paul said that He was not disobedient to the heavenly vision from the day God gave him the vision.

*Acts 26:19*

*19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:*

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Assignments can only be fulfilled with commitment.

- Commit yourself to searching out all about your assignment.
  - Commit yourself to researching on how to fulfill the assignment.
  - Find out what you need – personnel, finance, techniques and methods.
  - Find out the place of assignment.
  - Find out about the timing of your assignment. It is important that you don't start before you are supposed to. You must keep pace with God. Don't just work for Him, work with Him.
  - Never forget it is not by might or power, but by His Spirit. It is not your work but His work.
  - Learn to work with others in unity as a team. Nobody succeeds alone. You must learn to get along well with people.
  - Prayerfully locate a mentor who will support you morally for you will need it. Everybody needs an encourager sent to you by God.
  - Give yourself to praying even with fasting about your assignment. Prayer provokes the support and power of God to succeed.
  - Work by faith and not by sight.
  - Be all out to bless and God will take care of your needs.
6. Make sure you finish the assignment given to you by God.

*John 4:34*

*34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.*

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