

Called & Accountable

Message 4—How Am I Called?

Text: John 10:2-4, 27; John 12:26

The “how” of being called of God comes for us in the midst of our personal relationship with God and His people as we follow our Lord daily.

But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. “And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:2-4, 27

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

John 12:26

1. Awareness of God’s Call

Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt. 28:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” **Amen.**

- 0. Basics for new believers to learn:
 - 0. how to receive spiritual food
 - 0. how to develop their newly given “spiritual senses”
 - 0. to develop a great sensitivity toward SIN
 - 0. to learn the strategies of Satan (as Jesus did)
 - 0. to learn to resist Satan and SIN with their whole being
 - 0. to know (often the hard way) the consequences of SIN, and the crucial place of the church in restoring them
 - 0. to know the nature of a life of HOLINESS, so they will always be available to God
 - 0. to learn their place in the Body (local church) and how their lives are used by God to ‘edify’ and grow others in the Body

.. to learn carefully the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven, and how God functions in their world, especially by prayer

2. Spiritual Senses Developed

- 0. We can learn to hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:2-4, 27)
- 0. We can learn to see His activity and join Him (John 3:3; 5:17:19-20)
- 0. We can learn to understand with our hearts and obey Him (John 14:26; 16:13-15)

If a Christian does not know when God is speaking to them, he is in trouble at the heart of his relationship with God. If this is a difficulty to you, stop everything else, and ask God to teach you, until you are certain of His Voice.

3. You Must Clearly Know Him and Obey Him

- 0. To live without a real sense of accountability is to lose a major motivation in serving our LORD! Just to know that not a thing we do goes without His notice and Love brings comfort.
 - 0. To love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength brings with it such an intimate relationship and spontaneous, joyful accountability. All those who have been greatly used of God lived this way.
 - 0. Everything in the Christian's life rests on obedience!
 - 0. Obedience always unlocks the activity of God in a Christian's life.
 - 0. Obedience is where all the real activity of God on mission really begins.
- Obedience is the essential heart of experiencing a life on mission with God in the world.