

YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME
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What On Earth Am I Here For?
Live Your Calling - Part 4
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Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (NLT)

Romans 8:29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (NLT)

My 3rd calling is: TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

HOW TO BECOME WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO BE

1. TAKE STEPS TO SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

Hebrews 12:1a ...Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up... (LB)

2. DON'T BE IN A HURRY

Hebrews 12:1b ...let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us. (LB)

3. KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON JESUS

Hebrews 12:2a We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish... (NLT)

2 Corinthians 3:18 And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more. (NLT)

4. TAKE EVERY STEP WITH PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run straight to the goal

with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches. (NLT)

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 ...Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please! ⁸ Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but **a disciplined life in God** is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. (MSG)

5. RUN WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Hebrews 12:13 Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. **Help each other out.** And run for it! (MSG)

Hebrews 10:24-25 **Let us** consider how we may **spur one another on** toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ **Let us** not give up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but **let us encourage one another** as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

6. LOOK FORWARD TO GOD'S REWARD

Hebrews 12:2b-3 ...**Jesus did not give up** because of the cross! On the contrary, because of **the joy that was waiting for him**, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. ³ **Think of what he went through**; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So **do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up.** (TEV)

Romans 8:17 Since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to **share his glory**, we must also **share his suffering.** (NLT)

Philippians 3:14 I **strain to reach the end** of the race and **receive the prize for which God is calling us...** (LB)

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have **done my best** in the race, I have **run the full distance**, and I have **kept the faith.** ⁸ And now **there is waiting for me the victory prize** of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to **all those who wait with love for him** to appear. (TEV)