

*The difference between a calling and a burden*

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A calling is an invitation to come and be of service in a particular facet of ministry. Many are called but few are chosen. The reason many are called but only a few are chosen is because unfortunately only a few spend the time and energy necessary to get prepared. A calling is meant to last a lifetime. However, a burden can be the result of God needing something done and, without anyone else available, He chooses you to bear that burden. Burdens, unlike callings, are often lifted with time or when the task is completed. One problem is that many times we may not know whether we are receiving a calling (which requires intense preparation) or if we have been given a burden (which usually demands immediate ministry attention) unless and until we ask God. Find out for sure if it is a calling or a God-given burden before making a lifetime commitment.

Prayer for Today

God, help me to continue to identify new burdens in my life and to work in the calling You have for my life. I want to die doing what You called me to do. Make me the best I can be at what You called me to do. Give me the burdens You wish me to bear and let me serve Your Kingdom forever.

Scriptures for Today

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen. (KJV)

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble. (NKJV)

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (KJV)