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Committed to serving Christ in the church and in the world.  
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## ***How Do I Understand My Personal Calling As A Follower of Jesus Christ?***

A personal calling statement is a faith statement. It is your best understanding to date of who God has called you to be and what God is calling you to do for God's glory.

### **A personal calling statement has at least three key benefits:**

**Direction:** A personal calling statement offers a focused path. Sometimes just having a clearer sense of where you are going provides much-needed encouragement and the ability to persevere.

**Decision-making:** It provides you with a tool to use when deciding whether to say yes or no as you assess opportunities to serve and lead.

**Fulfillment:** It gives you a greater sense of personal destiny and a better idea of your own contribution to the work God is doing around you. In the demands of daily living it is easy to lose sight of the big picture. Your personal calling statement is your much-needed reminder.

**Bottom line,** effective disciples learn to focus their lives and ministries. They abide in Jesus, so their lives bear fruit; the Holy Spirit helps them become more like Jesus in all they think, say, and do. Disciples' lives are centered in Jesus and built on a biblical foundation.

Consider how you would complete these sentences and answer these questions:

- The people and circumstances that have most shaped my life and ministry are...
- The qualities of character I most admire and desire for God to shape in my life are...
- People who know me well believe I am most used by God when I...
- As I reflect on my life, things I have done, experienced, or accomplished that were satisfying and energizing are...
- When I think about ministry in the future, the area of ministry I would love to focus on is...
- Though I have always dismissed the thought, at times I have really felt I should be doing...
- Ask others to answer the question, “What do you see in me?”

***Based on how God has shaped you, if you knew you could not fail what would you do in your lifetime for God's glory?*** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Every innovation has an expiration date!**



**What will I stop doing so that I can start becoming?**

### **Leaders must have:**

**1. Beliefs;** and beliefs are what we hold dear to us and are rooted deeply within us. You must have.....

**2. Values,** and values are attitudes about the worth of people, concepts, or things. For example, you might value a good car, home, friendship, personal comfort, or relatives.

**3. Leaders must have Skills,** and skills are the knowledge and abilities that a person gains throughout life.

**4. Leaders must have Traits;** and traits are distinguishing qualities or characteristics of a person, while character is the sum total of these traits.

### **Leaders must be people who are:**

**A. Honest** — Display sincerity, integrity, and candor in all their actions. Deceptive behavior will not inspire trust. They are..

**B. Competent** — Base your actions on reason and moral principles. Do not make decisions based on childlike emotional desires or feelings.

**C. Forward-looking** — Set goals and have a vision of the future. Effective leaders envision what they want and how to get it. They habitually pick priorities stemming from their basic values.

**D. Inspiring** — Display confidence in all that you do. By showing endurance in mental, physical, and spiritual stamina, they inspire others to reach for new heights. Intelligent — Read, study, and seek challenging assignments.

**E. Fair-minded** — Show fair treatment to all people. Prejudice is the enemy of justice.

**F. Broad-minded** — Seek out diversity.

**G. Courageous** — Have the perseverance to accomplish a goal, regardless of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Display a confident calmness when under stress.

**H. Straightforward** — Use sound judgment to make a good decisions at the right time.

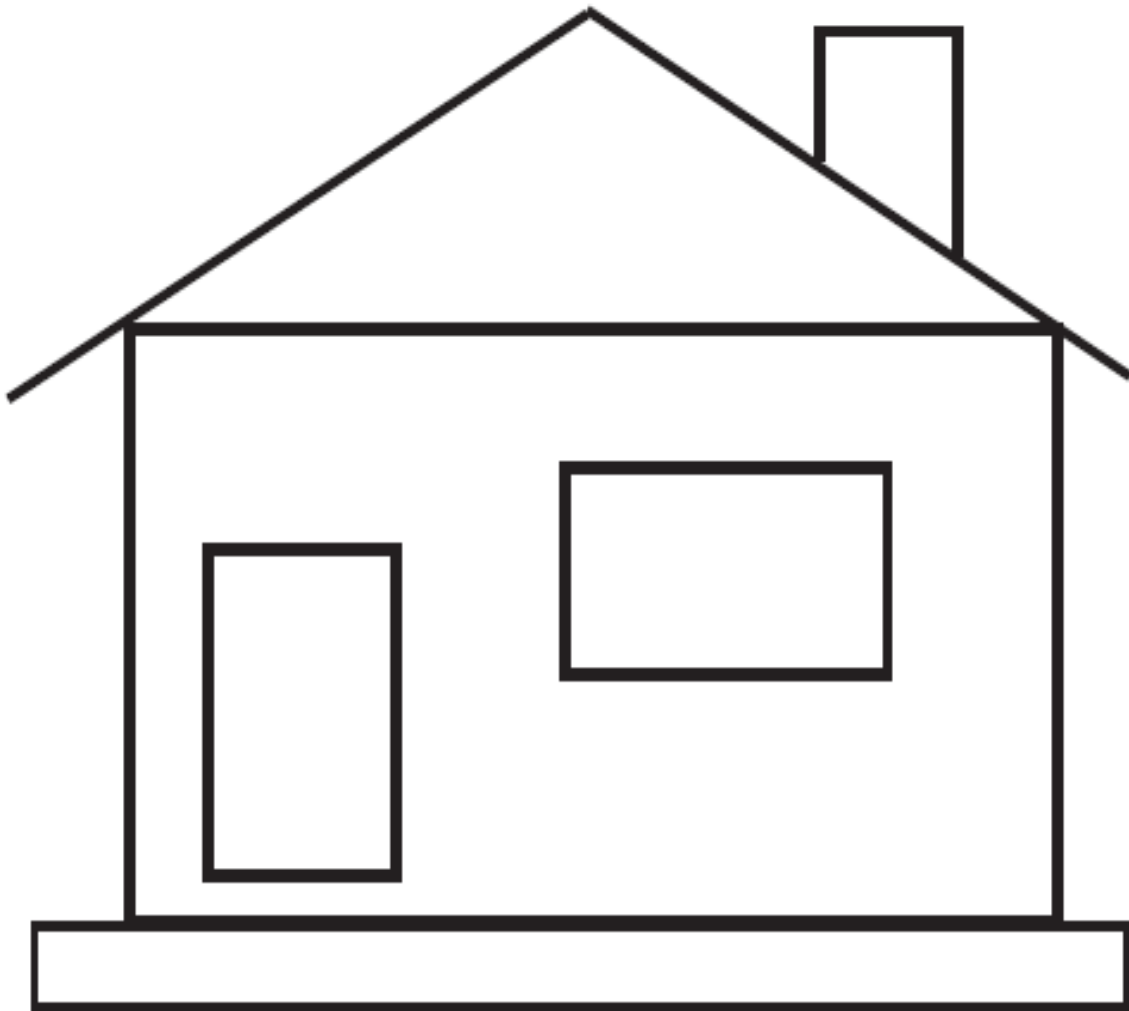
**I. Imaginative** —. Show creativity by thinking of new and better goals, ideas, and solutions to problems. Be innovative

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

I. The closest I have ever felt to God in my life was \_\_\_\_\_

II. If I could name a turning point in my life for my relationship with God it would be.

III. If I had to tell someone why I am a Christian I would have to say \_\_\_\_\_



## Building Your Own House

1. In the foundation, write the concept or idea by which you govern your life.
2. Along the walls, write the methods which you use to support this idea.
3. In the door, write an important part of you that you borrowed from someone else, and the name of the person you got it from.
4. In the window, write something you are proud of and want others to see.
5. In the roof, write a protective mechanism which you use.
6. In the chimney, write a means of release for you.