

When The Master Calls

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Take a moment and ask yourself, what is your desire in life. What circumstances made you take action to do the job that you chose as your profession or the direction for the life that you have now. Have you at anytime in your life felt that you have a greater calling to fulfill.

If you are still working or if you have retired from your profession did you perform your tasks well, or as we have read from scripture (²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving”). **Colossians 3:23-24.**

Now, we could use many interpretations as to what this scripture means such as when given a task in the performance of one's job do it well to the best of your abilities, as though you were doing it unto the Lord, even though it may be for a worldly master, aka your employer, or something that you may have agreed to do for a family member or friend.

Point I'm making is to do one's task without complaint or grumbling. And I know, that the demands that come from an employer or another, can at times be overwhelming and unfair. I've been there, done that, got the T-shirt, and the scars to prove it, as do others here today. Amen.

Sometimes we push ourselves and when we don't receive the outcome we were hoping for we might blame others. Recall the song "I did it my way". Sometimes doing it the way we want to do things may very well be the reason why one fails at what they want to achieve in their life.

It's a fine line when working with those of this world and if I'm going to be fair, even those whom profess to be Christians, when your called to do something for them or ask for something in return. We all fall short at times with each other.

But who, when you are called by God to do something and you fail to complete the task, will you blame.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance as our way of life.

We are created in Jesus Christ to do good works. What does that mean to you.

Ask yourself, why are you here tonight, better yet, why do you attend a church service. Do you do these things because you have nothing better to do. Are you sitting in service expecting a word of encouragement from a message to use for your life and understanding of others.

Or are you here because it is one of God's festivals, one of His appointed times to come together as His people and worship Him for all He has done. Truthfully, what can we give in return to God to show our love for Him.

When God calls upon you, (for He is the Master of all things), will you, are you ready to accept the work, the good work He has for you and complete it to the best of your ability. You don't want to be a Jona, you know the guy that went on a 3 day fishing trip courtesy of the Lord for his failure to follow instructions.

Jona was punished because of his disobedience in doing the work of God. He had only one simple task, warn the people of Nineveh of their transgressions against The Lord.

Jona grumbled, whined, why me, I hate them and you want me to warn them of their impending doom. Yeah, I'll get right on that. Jona's initial flight illustrates human reluctance to follow God's commands.

Jona tried to run and hide from God, as if he could. During the storm while on the ship and the chaos that followed the sailor, found out that he was Hebrew and for what ever reason they knew the trouble they were having was due to Jona being there. "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.) Book of Jona 1:10.

That's the same thing that all of mankind has in common, reluctance to do what God has commanded them to do. Non-believers could care less about God and what He expects of them, we as Christians can't afford such a mistake, but yet, how many do.

You know the one's I'm talking about. They talk a good talk but their walk leaves a lot to be appreciated. I won't get into the details of that. We've all been there at one time or another, including myself first, but those of us whom realize we need to improve our walk don't give up and don't give in to those of the world.

We of faith shouldn't be coming together in places of worship and neglect what God has prepared us for, and that is to take the gospel to as many as we can and warn them of the impending doom if they continue to reject God, and His ways while we make a diligent effort on improvements of our own lives.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 *“If anyone is unwilling to work, he shall not eat”*. This command addresses **willful idleness**, not those unable to work due to illness or disability. Paul and his companions modeled a diligent work ethic, working night and day to avoid being a burden while sharing the gospel (2 Thessalonians 3:7–9).

The instruction reinforces that those capable of labor have a responsibility to provide for themselves and contribute to the community, reflecting a **Christian work ethic**.

Now He is not asking us to go and knock on doors and beat others over the head with our bibles, although sometimes that may be the way to get their attention.

Each and everyone of us gets the opportunity many times over when talking to friends, family and co-workers, and the occasional stranger on the street or in a waiting room.

Many hands make light work, is a phrase that isn't directly in the Bible, but its meaning is reflected in several verses that emphasize teamwork and collaboration.

Key Verses

- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10:** "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." This highlights the importance of mutual support.

- **Romans 12:4-5:** This passage reminds believers that they are one body in Christ, promoting cooperation and shared responsibility. It also means that all whom come together whether in a house of worship, Bible study with others, and even as we are gathered tonight should be sharing in the service when possible and not just a spectator. There is no lack of work within the ministry.
- **Exodus 17:12:** When Moses grew weary, Aaron and Hur supported his hands.

This illustrates the power of teamwork in achieving goals.

These verses collectively underscore the biblical principle that collaboration and support among individuals lead to greater effectiveness in tasks and challenges.

God, Yeshua, the Holy Spirit, the Master and Creator of all the earth isn't looking for people to just fill the seats in houses of worship and listen to a message of His expectations for those who believe and then do nothing. He wants effective

disciples of His words and ways to reflect the light that He has given to them and spread that light by speaking His words into their lives and the lives of others.

We need to, learn, love, and share what God has blessed each and every one of us with the gifts He has given us, and stop hiding them from others out of fear of being ridiculed.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:20.

The act of knocking represents Yeshua's action in seeking fellowship, while **hearing His voice** implies spiritual awareness and recognition of His message. Opening the door signifies a conscious decision to accept Him into one's life, reflecting repentance, faith, and willingness to follow Christ.

Will we answer the Master's call and fulfill our obligation to Him, or will we try to hide as Jona tried. Amen.