

II Timothy 1:1-7
Faithful Followers

Following Christ – our call (1-2) – ***He has a call on each of our lives***

It must be OF CHRIST – His call and His leading

We are His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)

It must be BY HIS WILL – not our own (Proverbs 16:1; 20:24; 21:30)

Not our own will and not the will of others imposed upon us

It must be ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE – of life (John 10:10 / II Peter 1:3-4)

True life is found in Him, living according to His purpose and calling

Fanning into flame our gift (3-7) – ***our gift(s), given by the Spirit, are for serving others***

Readiness to serve – ***having the right heart and motivation***

It requires a thankful heart (I Thessalonians 5:16-18 / Philippians 2:14-15)

Are we like shining stars among the corruption of this world?

It requires godly examples (I Corinthians 11:1 / Philippians 3:17)

Are we living examples of Christ (Ephesians 5:1)?

It requires a clear conscience (Acts 24:16 / I John 1:9)

Are we in the right place with our Creator?

It requires continual prayer (Ephesians 1:16)

Are we continually seeking our guidance from above?

Recalling tears – we need to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:1-2 / II Corinthians 11:28)

Remembering others in prayer, staying in touch with them

Remembering sincere faith – is it real (I Thessalonians 1:4-5) – Generations of influence

Is it seen? Are there life changing results?

Recognition by others – the laying on of hands (Acts 13:2-3)

Have others who are mature in the faith recognized God's calling on your life?

Relying on the Holy Spirit – the gift of God

He is the source of our gifting (I Corinthians 12:11)

Fearless (I John 4:18 / Hebrews 10:39)

Operating in love, not ashamed of our Lord

Filled with power and love (Colossians 1:28-29 / Ephesians 3:17)

His power in us expressing His love through us (Galatians 5:6)

Functioning properly – with a sound mind and self-discipline (Romans 6:11-14)

Offering the parts of our body to God as instruments of righteousness

Discussion questions for II Timothy 1:1-7

How can we discover God's call upon our lives?

(I Thessalonians 4:3; 5:16-18) ***Is it in line with His will? Am I following His will as clearly defined in His Word?***

(Luke 16:10) ***Am I being faithful in small ways (in serving and giving), to honor Him. Showing ourselves humble and faithful (Rom. 12:16 / I Timothy 3:13)***

(Proverbs 3:5-6 / Romans 12:1-2) ***Learning to completely trust in our Lord, offering ourselves unto His service – whatever He asks of us***

How can we be made ready to serve our Lord?

(II Corinthians 5:14-15) ***Responding to His love, be willing to die to self and live for Him As we grow deeper in our understanding of His love, our hearts are changed***

(Isaiah 66:2 / James 4:8-10) ***Learning the fear of the Lord. Being humble and broken before Him.***

(II Corinthians 12:15) ***Having a heart toward others such that we are willing to give all we are and all we have to see them come to know and follow Jesus.***

How can we recognize the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives?

(I John 4:16-18) ***His perfect love in us, knowing we belong to God, removes our fear.***

(Acts 20:24) ***Know our purpose in Him and that purpose being the priority of our lives***

(Galatians 2:20-21) ***Know that only by dying to self and allowing Christ to live in and through me, will I have access to His power (I can rest in Him)***

(Galatians 5:22-24) ***When I am walking in the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit will be seen in me. I will walk in His righteousness, showing my love for Him by my obedience to Him.***

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