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What God Calls For

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Romans 12:1-2

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

"The more we pay for advice, the more we're likely to listen to it. Advice which is from a friend is free, we may take or leave it. Advice from a consultant which we've paid much for personally, we're more likely to accept, but it's still our choice- we can take it or leave it. But the guidance of God is different. First of all we do not come to God asking

for advice, but for God's will, and that is not optional. And God's fee is the highest one of all, it costs everything. To ask for the guidance of God requires abandonment. We'll no longer say, if I trust you, you'll give me such and such. Instead we say, I trust you, give me or withhold from me, whatever you choose." John Newton says, "What you will, when you will, how you will." –Elisabeth Elliot

James 4:3

³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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What gifts, talents, money, relationships and experiences has God given you to use for His purposes?

What needs of the world and Church most grip your heart?

When you serve God and others, what gives you the greatest joy?

What God is Doing

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

"Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today? How many momentous events in Scripture depended on one person's seemingly small act of obedience! Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and, depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next." –Elisabeth Elliot