

Stepping into Success: Answering God's Call

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1 Kings 19:19-21, Ephesians 4:11-14

Success Comes By Taking Up the Mantle and Answering God's Divine Call

- I. **Our world is facing a growing _____**
 - A. Leadership deficits result in decay
 - 1. Lack of vision and direction
 - 2. Disunity & division
 - 3. Fear & anxiety
 - 4. Ethical and moral depravity

- II. **What is _____ Leadership?**
 - A. God calls the unlikely
 - B. Requires service
 - C. Holistic view of people
 - D. Empowered by the Holy Spirit
 - E. Examples:
 - 1. Jesus:
 - a) Delegation
 - b) Advocacy
 - c) Effort
 - d) Sacrifice
 - 2. Disciples:
 - a) Collaboration
 - b) Deliberation
 - c) Perseverance
 - F. Leadership is Ministry

III. Taking up the _____: Learning from Elisha

- A. Elijah's *command* and God's direction
 - 1. Elisha's faithfulness in plowing
- B. Elisha's *response* to the call
 - 1. Immediate yet thoughtful
- C. Elisha's *sacrifice* to the Lord
 - 1. Surrendered the past, embraced the mission

IV. Answering The Call: _____ is Ministry for?

- A. Every Christian
 - 1. In Authority
 - 2. Under Authority
 - 3. No Authority
- B. The Church
 - 1. Those called to full-time vocational ministry
 - 2. Those called to part-time vocational ministry
 - 3. Those called to volunteer ministry

V. Why people _____ God's call

- A. Ignorance of God's calling
- B. Fear of inadequacy
- C. Reluctance to commit fully
- D. Lack of motivation
- E. Absence of vision

- F. The extremes
- G. Disconnected living

VI. Why you _____ respond to God's calling

- A. For your personal spiritual growth:
 - 1. Growing relationship with God
 - 2. Discovery of your purpose
- B. For personal blessings:
 - 1. Joy & Fulfillment
 - 2. Peace & contentment
 - 3. Eternal rewards
- C. To be a blessing to others:
 - 1. Meeting physical needs
 - 2. Making an Eternal difference
- D. For the growth of God's Kingdom:
 - 1. Impact beyond yourself
 - 2. Multiplication of your impact
- E. For God's glory:
 - 1. He is Supreme
 - 2. He is Sovereign
 - 3. He is Savior

Ephesians 2:10

**God has a plan for your life.
Will you burn the plow
& take up the mantle of ministry?**