

Shalom Church Adult's Christian Education Class
Your Vocation
8th & 15th May 2016

CHOOSING A JOB TODAY

Q: *Do we "choose" our vocation or does God choose for us?*

Broadly speaking, **SIX** things to remember concerning **VOCATION**:

(1) *Our Vocation and Our Gifting*

PSALM 139:13-16

ACTS 17:26.

PROVERBS 16:9

Recognizing who we are **NOT** ...

(2) *Our Vocation and God's Providence*

(3) *Our Multiple Vocations Can Change*

Multiple Vocations

Vocations Can Change

1 SAMUEL 2:7-8

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(4) *Our Vocations And Our Ethics*

Different vocations have their own kinds of authority and spheres of action, and they operate under different rules.

View this from the angle of “being called to a particular office” . . .

(5) *Our Vocations And Our Sanctification*

Hard vocations . . .

“Exceptions” from the norm . . .

(a) Moses

(b) David

(6) *Our Vocations And God's Purpose*

Purpose of our gifts:

Cf. I CORINTHIANS 4:7

Purpose of our vocations:

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Specifically speaking, **SIX** questions# to ask concerning **JOB**, but first:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones.*

PROVERBS 3:5-8

Q1: Can this job glorify God?

Q2: Will this job permit me to live a godly life?

- (a) Will this job allow me to be faithful in my other assignments?
- (b) Will this job allow me to be involved in my local church?
- (c) Will the temptations of the job reinforce my besetting sins and polish my idols?

Q3: Will this job enable me to provide for my needs/my family's needs?

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Q1 - 3 are "MUST-HAVES". In other words, the answer to each of them must be "Yes"!

Q4: Will this job potentially improve me as a person?

Q5: Will this job use my gifts and talents?

Q6: Is this job something I want to do?

THE DANGER OF REVERSING THE QUESTIONS

PROVERBS 12:11

PROVERBS 28:19

SOME LAST WORDS...