8. We must resist the flesh and yield to the Spirit

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 (NKJV) For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Galatians 5:18 (NKJV) But **if you are led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:19 (NKJV) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Galatians 5:20 (NKJV) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 (NKJV) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **Galatians 5:22 (NKJV)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-

Galatians 5:23 (NKJV) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:24 (NKJV) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:25 (NKJV) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **Galatians 5:26 (NKJV)** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

9. Love is the way to victory

Matthew 22:37 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' Matthew 22:38 (NKJV) This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:39 (NKJV) And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:40 (NKJV) On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."



The Believer's Calling and Purpose Sunday, May 18, 2025

1. All believers are called

Romans 1:7 (NKJV) To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:1 (NKJV) Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

1 Corinthians 1:1 (NKJV) Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God...

2. No one is called because of natural accomplishments 1 Corinthians 1:26 (NKJV) For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

3. We are called to Freedom

Galatians 5:13 (NKJV) For you, brethren, have been **called to liberty**; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

4. Every Believer is called to "GO"

Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was **called to go** out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Acts 16:10 (NKJV) Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...

Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

5. Believers are called to be Peacemakers

- 1 Peter 3:8 (NKJV) Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 1 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.
- **1 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)** For "He who would **love life And see good days**, Let him **refrain his tongue** from evil, And his **lips from speaking deceit**.
- 1 Peter 3:11 (NKJV) Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.
- **1 Peter 3:12 (NKJV)** For the **eyes of the Lord are on the righteous**, And His **ears are open to their prayers**; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

6. We are called to partake of His Divine Nature

- **1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV)** But may the God of all grace, who **called us to His eternal glory** by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.
- **2 Peter 1:1 (NKJV)** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- 2 Peter 1:2 (NKJV) Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
- **2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)** as **His divine power has given to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge** of Him who **called us by glory and virtue**,
- **2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these **you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Revelation 19:9 (NKJV) Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are **called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!**' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."