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The moment you got saved your “eternal calling on this earth” was activated. You inherited favor and a unique destiny from our Father who created us and loves us unconditionally. Eternal calling on this earth? Yes!

What you do with your life on this earth will determine where and how you live eternally. When a person catches this vision and submits to it, the process of fulfilling it releases joy and hope into our hearts.

Conversely, when a person lives for themselves, follows the pattern of this world or simply has no vision for their Kingdom destiny, they become bored, lukewarm, hopeless and sick. In this message I’m offering you 7 steps to finding hope in your eternal calling!

Let’s start out right as we remember: Our calling is much more than our assignment. But in this message, we are focusing on our calling as it relates to our assignment.

Ephesians 1:15-18

I...do not cease...making mention of you in my prayers...that God...may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (and that) the eyes of your understanding be enlightened; that you may know what is **the hope of His calling**...

1. Write a Balanced Schedule

Try balancing these elements so that you live in peace and joy. Seek God, serve in ministry at a healthy 5-fold church, maintain healthy & exciting employment,

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bond with your immediate family and maintain your physical health and personal hygiene.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your work to the Lord, and **your plans (personal scheduling) will be established.**

2. **Keep a Servant Attitude Where You Are Planted**

If you feel you have a lemon, you can either complain about how sour it is, or you can make lemonade. It is all up to you.

Joseph is our example of a pure servant attitude. He suffered unwarranted betrayal by his brothers and was falsely accused of sleeping with Potiphar's wife. Joseph's pure servant attitude followed him to prison. For 2 years he served the warden without complaining.

The warden soon appointed him as his right-hand man. In time, his unique gifts made a way for himself. Joseph correctly predicted that the cupbearer would be released, and the baker hanged.

Two years later, King Pharaoh himself was given two dreams, which none of his advisors were able to explain. Remembering the Hebrew youth from his prison days, the cupbearer suggested that Joseph be summoned.

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Joseph, then thirty, interpreted Pharaoh’s dreams as being a Divine prediction for seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine, and advised Pharaoh to prepare by storing grain during the first seven years.

Impressed by Joseph’s attitude, anointing & wisdom, Pharaoh appointed him as his viceroy, second only to the king himself, and tasked him with readying the nation for the years of famine yet ahead.

3. **Keep Moving Up the Ladder**

Whilst maintaining the balance I mentioned before, keep moving up the ladder of success. Get a job that pays better, where the opportunities are better, where the people are better and where Christians are. We must be wise and planning about our retirement. Where will you live when you are 80 years old?

Philippians 3:12-14

...I **press on (higher)**...forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead, I press on toward **the goal** for the prize of the **upward call of God** in Christ Jesus.

4. **Create a Vision for a Happy, Holy Workplace**

This may seem cruel, but you need to think of your soul here. If you are spending 8 hours a day in the presence of toxic fools who do not love God, how is this defiling your soul and impeding your spiritual progress?

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Keep moving forward with this mindset beloved. Be content with the job you have but have a vision to self-improve. Find a Christian company to work with.

Proverbs 14:7

Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be **deceived**: “Bad company **ruins good morals.**”

5. Keep a Daily Prophetic Journal

As I typed out this segment the Spirit whispered, “Be patient.” Who needed that word? Lol!

1 Timothy 1:18

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, **according to the prophecies which went before concerning thee**, that thou by them mightest wage a good warfare...

Habakkuk 2:1-3

I will stand upon my watch...and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the LORD answered me, and said,

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Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it...

6. Stay Current with The Times and Season the World Is In

The Spirit of God is certainly telling us that in these last days we can enjoy the current harvest revival but also that we must prepare for His judgments. We don't receive His wrath, but we will be affected by it. So, we must live differently as a result.

Matthew 16:3

...You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

7. Stay In Your Eternal Paradigm

We will live forever somewhere. How we live while on this earth determines how and where we live in eternity. First off be sure you make it to heaven. Many professing Christians will be shocked when they find themselves in hell.

Matthew 7:21-23

21 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me on

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that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness!'

Secondly, when you get to heaven, have a personal vision to obtain a better resurrection than most will.

Hebrews 11:35

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain a **better resurrection.**