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## SEIZING THE PRIZE OF GOD’S HIGH CALLING

God has a calling for our lives, a plan, a destiny, and a purpose. It is a high calling because it comes from Him. We have a choice either to walk in this high calling or to reject it. The high calling is the place of assignment God gives you. There is a reward that comes from God when He says, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21).

- How to walk in the high calling – Philippians 3:12-14.
  - Press - You will have to press into the high calling in your life.
  - Forget - You will have to forget those things which are behind.
  - Reach forward – You will have to reach forward to the things that are ahead.
  
- Things that hold you back from the high calling.
  - World, flesh, and devil.
  - Peers, jobs, and relatives.
  
- Obstacles that come to try to stop you from reaching the prize – Ephesians 5:1-19.
  - If you walk out of love in areas such as bitterness, resentment, offense.
  - Fornication, uncleanness, filthiness, foolish talk.
  - Covetousness.
  - Idolatry.
  - Fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness.
  - Being drunk with wine.
  - Lack of submission.
  - H. Depression, worry, anxiety.
  
- Don’t be lukewarm in your faith – Revelation 3:14-19.
  - Lukewarm is to have no passion, fire, zeal, persistence, or faithfulness.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share when you realized you had a high calling.
- How are you pressing into your high calling?
- What obstacles have you had to overcome to move toward obtaining the prize of the high calling?

### **BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

This week take your spiritual temperature and get rid of anything that would keep you from your high calling. Ask God to show you any relationships or things you are doing that may be hindering your spiritual life. Make a decision to seize the prize of God’s high calling for your life.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:** Philippians 3:14 – “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”