

From Passion to Calling, by Joyce Herzog

What's Wrong?

What is "School?" _____

The Enemy's Plan _____

God's Plan _____

God has a unique call on every life He creates. He has a "place prepared." **Walk ye in it.**

[Jer 7:23]

**But this thing commanded I them, saying,
Obey my voice, and I will be your God,
and ye shall be my people:
and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you,
that it may be well unto you.**

[2 John 1:6]

**And this is love, that we walk after his commandments.
This is the commandment,
That, as ye have heard from the beginning,
ye should walk in it.**

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Find Guiding Principles:

1st Priority: _____

Attributes, Works, Sovereignty, Involvement, Waste Basket, Passions, Goals

Acknowledge our _____ and _____

Identify our _____ - _____

Practice _____

Know the PLAN: Enemy _____

God _____

In short, we are _____

Teach Your Children to:

Look for the _____

Listen for the _____

Lean on the _____

Learn to see _____

Ministry is _____

God's _____ + my _____ = _____

for _____

and _____

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Matching skills and passions with needs, careers, and ministries:

- Does he organize his toys neatly? (organization)
- Does he show ability in constructing sturdy structures? (mechanical giftedness)
- Does he sing his thoughts? (musical ability)
- Has he abundant energy? (What a gift! Teach him to channel the energy and not squander it!)
- Is he able to tell details, perhaps even organizing them sequentially? (verbal skills)
- Has he the ability to put people at ease? (hospitality)
- Does he bring out a smile from whomever he meets? (encouragement)
- Did he seem to learn to read naturally? (academic, thinking skills)
- Does he pick up mathematical knowledge readily? (mathematician, accountant, CPA)
- Does he show compassion when someone is injured or hurting? (caregiver)
- Is he able to lift the spirits of one who is hurting? (comforter)
- Is he able to draw what he sees? (artist)
- Does he get others to do his work? (leadership)
- Does he pretend that his toys, dolls are injured and try to fix them? (medical professions)
- Can he take apart anything? (mechanical interests)
- Does he use old things in new ways? (inventiveness)
- Does he say things in new ways? (verbal creativity)
- Does he have a need to see why and to find the truth? (prophet)
- Does he have a great desire to help others meet their goals? (servant)
- Does he try to see how things work? (mechanical, inventiveness)
- Does he seek to put ideas in order, sequence, hierarchy? (professor, writer)
- Does he have a gift for making complex things simple to understand? (teacher)
- Is he logical and verbally gifted? (law)

Does he have strength in:

- logic, clarity of thought, good speaker = lawyer
- encourager = Special Olympics, special needs assistant
- encourager, speaker = motivational speaker
- loves games, playing, leadership = recreation director for children or adult daycare
- walk, push, repetition = airport wheelchair pusher
- combing pets = dog grooming
- writing = news reporter, author
- oral reading = entertainer for daycare, nursing home
- clean and organize = house cleaning, janitor, organizer
- childcare = mother's assistant, daycare, teacher's assistant
- change a diaper, cuddle a child = daycare assistant
- responsible and walk dogs = city dog walker
- typing, filing, answering phone = secretary
- greeting and welcoming = store or hospital greeter, office receptionist
- typing details = data entry
- mindless repetition = factory worker or packer
- details = parts warehouse
- driving = Indy, chauffeur, hotel valet

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How to Start?

At all ages:

Make Seeing and Hearing from God a Daily Occurrence

Entertain Angels Unawares - Fill your home with godly people (people whose example you would be proud to have your children follow! – show hospitality to missionaries, ministers, teachers, speakers, authors, godly elderly people, young people who are making wise choices for good reasons)

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Ground in the WORD

– Daily reading, hearing, singing, copying
To become skillful in God's Word takes daily exercise!

Teach SERVICE – try out many things! (take homemade cards to a nursing home, clean up an empty lot, take flowers to some shut-ins, visit a lonely senior, shovel walks for the elderly, baby-sit for a single mom, make homemade bread for the youth pastor, make cookies and take them to anyone!)

(Don't make the mistake of serving your children or demanding that they always serve you!
Together serve OTHERS!)

Provide Exploration Opportunity

the Arts (music, literature, plays, ballet, poetry, dance, drawing, painting, etc.)
the Sciences (read about, play with, talk to people involved in, observe and record, talk about, videos)
the Lessons of History (biographies, vignettes)
(you can't discover your talents, giftedness or weaknesses
without trying to do many different kinds of things!)

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Ground in the ACADEMICS

Reading, Speaking, Writing, Mathematics
(all skills need practice in frequent, small doses)

Provide Volunteer Opportunities

– Volunteer as a family
(group living home, church nursery, teaching little ones' SS class,
Walking pets, Meals on Wheels, trash pick up in park or empty lot)

15+

Seek Ministry

Apprentice with Believers in various Occupations

Above ALL Teach ALL

Know, Love and Serve God

Seek His Direction

Abide until He comes through –

God can't steer a parked car.



Keep doing what is before you until He changes your direction.

Park in the WORD, but keep PEDDLING through life.


Choose a Scripture to Base YOUR life ON and teach your children to do the same!

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[Proverbs 3:5-9]

With  your , **TRUST**

In your ways, **ACKNOWLEDGE**

With your **increase**
and **possessions**, **HONOR** 

[Col 3:23]

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Do well what you KNOW to do until HE shows you what is next.

[2 Cor 12:8-9]

I besought the Lord thrice, that it (*this weakness*) might depart from me.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:

for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities,
that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Do not fret over your weaknesses; rely instead on God's STRENGTH!

[Jeremiah 33:3]

**Call unto me, and I will answer thee,
and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.**

God wants to be known.

God is listening for your call.

God has plans for you!

God has more to show you (when you are ready)!

God is Great and Mighty!

We will never know ALL there is to know about God and His way!

If it's a call from God, you'll never shake it...

you **can't** do it by yourself – without God!

He doesn't want you to **figure out how** to do it.

All He wants from you is your willingness...

your commitment to following Him and

your faithfulness to continue no matter what.

He'll work out the details!

How can you discover HIS CALL on YOU?

**Match Passions, Strengths, Ministry, Needs, Opportunities and...
CALL on God!**