

Calling

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My story:

. . . slow to pick up the phone,

. . . fear and loathing,

. . . “let’s make a deal, God,”

. . . need and delight (for now) . . .

What do you think?

Is there one right profession/work/career for each of us?

Or are there many wise choices of profession (and foolish choices) that I can make?

If God is sovereign, does He foreordain/predestine my profession?

Or does He simply know what I’m going to choose?

Can I make a *wrong* choice in discerning my profession?

Can I make a *poor* choice in discerning my profession?

Can my calling to a particular profession change?

Other pressing questions?

1. The Call

“In the beginning . . .”

“Calling” in the New Testament:

God’s will for your life is for you to _____ .
Helping each other hear the Call:

A daily wake-up Call

Kids, cake, and baptism birthdays . . .

“Dad, when can we have our Peach Pie Talk?” . .

2. **Decisions, decisions:**

- a. profession?
- b. single/married?
- c. family: when? how many? adopt?
- d. developing gifts: how? where? when?
- e. resting, celebrating
- ff. and all other image-bearing human endeavors . . .

Is there one right profession for each of us?

Guessing God's Secret Plan?

Or, following God's back?

Augustine: _____, _____
_____.

My prayer: from *What/where?* to *How?*

Discerning a profession: what are your gifts, desires, needs, opportunities?

according to The Body:

according to The Spirit:

3. All professions are equal, and not all professions are equal.

Martin Luther:

the milkmaid who follows the cow is as holy as the nun in her cloister.

John Calvin said that the church needs 3 things.

Could you be one of them?

4. What's your story?

5. **Don't forget your first love.**