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**BEYOND ORDINARY**

Made to Make a Difference – Part 3

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"I think most of us are looking for a calling, not a job. Most of us have jobs which are too small for our spirit. Jobs are not big enough for people." - Studs Terkel

The idea behind the word "vocation" is "a call, a summons or an invitation."

Your vocation is the mask God wears to fulfill His purposes.

"The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays -- not because she may sing a Christian hymn as she sweeps but because God loves clean floors. The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty not by putting little crosses on his shoes, but by making good shoes because God is interested in good craftsmanship." – Martin Luther

"Every [person] who is born into this world represents a fresh thought of God and has a work that is born within them." - Virginia Ely

**1. LIVING IN LOW GEAR**

"Remaining unchallenged is the main cause of psychological burnout." – Steven Berglas

"The thrill is gone." – B.B. King



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"A demanding vision energizes people. But it's not unusual in the church that we'll call up somebody at the last minute and say, 'Sorry we're so late with this, but we wonder if you would like to teach the eighth grade Sunday school class? It doesn't take much preparation. It's not a lot of hard work. You can do it. We know you can.'" – Max De Pree

*Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..."* - Matthew 28.16-20

## **2. DISCERNING YOUR CALLING**

When Peter Drucker was thirteen he was inspired by a teacher who asked the class a question, "What do you want to be remembered for?" Of course, all these 13-year-old just stared blankly back at the teacher. Then the teacher said, "I didn't expect you to be able to respond. But if you still can't by the time you're fifty, you will have wasted your life." Drucker said, that question forever changed his life.

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." - Frederick Buechner

"You know that saying about it being better to cling to evils that we know than to flee to evils that we know not? There's a lot of that in people. I have a friend who calls it the 'safe-keeping self.' It's the self that will endure the present no matter how boring, because they are so afraid of what the unknown might hold for them." – Richard Bolles, *Finding Your Job Fit*

"Just look at your tools—at your needle or thimble, your beer barrel, your goods, your scales or yardstick or measure. All this is continually crying out to you: 'Friend, use me in your relations with your neighbor just as you would want your neighbor to use his property in his relations with you.'" – Martin Luther

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...* - 1 Peter 4.10



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### 3. **DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS**

- By doing your very best

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.* - Colossians 3.23

"The church's approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours and to come to church on Sundays. What the church should be telling him is this: that the very first demand his religion makes upon him is that he should make good tables." - Dorothy L. Sayers

"I do too much walking to buy inferior sandals." – St. Augustine

"Jesus never commanded us to engage in theological debates with strangers, flaunt four-inch crosses and Jesus stickers, or throw out Christian catch phrases. But He did tell us to work and live in such a way that when the Holy Spirit orchestrates opportunities to speak about God, we will have earned the right to do so." – Bill Hybels

"God will see." - Michelangelo

*...being loyal workers...Then their good character will shine through their actions, adding luster to the teaching of our Savior God.*  
- Titus 2.10 (The Message)

- By maintaining a great attitude

*Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better.* - Ephesians 4.23 (Living Bible)



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"We don't care much about education and experience, because we can train people to do whatever they have to do. We hire attitudes." - Herb Kelleher

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*  
- 1 Corinthians 9.24

*...run to win!* - 1 Corinthians 9.24 (Contemporary English Version)

☐ By being willing to do the ordinary

*Through Christians like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!* - Ephesians 3.10-11 (The Message)

