

# God Qualifies the Called

## Scripture Passages

Pause for a moment and reflect on these words from the Scriptures:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20–21)

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. . . . And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Phillippians 1:6,9–11)

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in your speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:11–16)

## Reflection Questions

Answer these questions in writing.

What are you naturally good at doing? (Think broadly. Listening is as important as singing; caring for others is as important as having athletic ability.)

How have you used your gifts for the good of others?

How could you use your gifts, talents, and energy for others?

What might God be calling you to do?

What would you need from God to feel more confident?

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