

Rising to the Call of Holiness

Introduction

1. We've been talking about rising to our callings in life.

2. I think there might be some wisdom in our working this out in one particular way because in each of our callings in life, there is a principle to be applied that is extremely important—it is the principle of holiness.

1. We've been called with a holy calling.
 - A. Tim. 1:7; Lev. 20:26; Deut. 7:6 ; 1 Pet. 2:9
 - B. Holiness means to be set apart, it indicates a special relationship. It sets something apart or alone from all the rest in that category.

2. Not only have we been called with a holy calling, but we've been called to holiness.
 - . We are to be holy, set apart to God for his purposes alone. Heb. 12:14; Lev. 19:2; Lev. 20:7; 1 Pet. 1:16; 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1

 - A. We are to treat God as holy and set apart. We treat his relationship with honor above all others. We separate ourselves from the rest of the people around us because of our holy calling as sons/daughters of God. Lev. 10:3; Num. 20:12; Deut. 32:51

3. Understanding our call to holiness impacts all our callings in life.
 - . We are to practice holiness in our calling as sons of our fathers in preparation for all our other callings.
 1. We turn our hearts to our fathers. The direction of our hearts reveals what is holy to us. Luke 1:17; Prov. 23:26

 2. We look to our father's example. We learn from his example how to handle our next callings in life--how to relate to God, our wives, and our children. Prov. 4:1-6

 3. We honor our fathers by our words and actions. Eph. 6:1

 4. We learn to listen to his Word, both spoken and the unspoken words of his heart. Matt. 4:4; Prov. 4:20-23

 - A. Consider the importance of practicing holiness in our first calling and how it enables us to rise to the call of holiness in all of our callings in life..

4. Have you risen to the call of holiness? Will you?
 - . Places of repentance need to be found where we have ignored this calling.

- A. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you about holiness in all of your callings.
- B. Then apply what you have learned to all of your relationships and callings in life.
- C. As you rise to the calls of God in your life, you'll experience His blessing and fatherhood.