A 6-Step Process To Discover and Live Your Stewardship Calling Using a “G.P.S.”
GOD Positioning System

“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required. Luke 12:48

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WHY?

• WHY are you here?
• WHAT is your purpose for living?
• WHERE are you going in your life?
• HOW will you get there?
• WHEN will you start?

Why
The 2 most important days of your life are:

First, the day you were born; and

Second, the day you figure out why
Part 1

What Is A Stewardship Calling?

Go into all the world
Of all the creatures in the world, only YOU were made in the image and likeness of God, your creator

You have unique: (1) genetics, (2) gifts, (3) experiences, (4) things you’re good at, (5) things you’re passionate about, (6) things that make you smile/happy, etc.

Everything you have, including your life, resources and ability is a gift from God
WHY did your Creator make you in His image and likeness and give you all of your unique talents and experiences?
When you discern WHY you have been so blessed, you will discover your stewardship calling.
God's Calling

Will You Answer?
“...I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

Ephesians 4:1
Part 2

The First 3 Steps Of Discerning And Living Your Stewardship Calling?
The First 3 Steps

The essential first 3 steps to discover your calling:

**Step 1:** Accept God is in control, not you

**Step 2:** Listen to the many messengers God will continually send to you

**Step 3:** Prayerfully discover and start living God’s calling for you
Step 1: Accept God is in control, not you

~ Until you submit yourself, and your life, to God’s will, you will not be in the best frame of mind to discern your calling

~ This is the hardest step in today’s “you’re in control of you” culture
Step 2: Listen to the many messengers God will continually send to you

~ God is constantly sending you messages about what you should do, and not do, with your life

~ Learn to listen to all the “angels” God sends your way, regardless of how unlikely the messenger
Step 3: Prayerfully discover and start living God’s calling for you

~ Find the best place and process for you to sort out and understand God’s messages

~ Start living your calling (even if you have to do it “part-time” until you can make a transition)
Part 3

The 3 Key Questions To Your Discern And Live Your Stewardship Calling?
G.P.S.  
(God Positioning System)  

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”  

Ephesians 2:10
The Key 3 Questions

After taking the first 3 steps, you can use a G.P.S. God Positioning System to answer 3 key questions.
The 3 Key G.P.S. Questions

Question 1: What am I Good at?

Question 2: What am I Passionate about?

Question 3: What makes me Smile?
G.P.S. = God Positioning System

what are you Good at

Good

What makes you Smile

Smile

what are you Passionate about

Passion

what are you Good at

Passionate about

Smile
• You’re generally good at things you’ve done many times
• You aren’t always passionate about everything you’re good at
• And not everything you’re good at brings you happiness (i.e., makes you smile)
The intersection of what you’re good at and passionate about that also brings you joy is where you will likely find your Stewardship Calling.
Discerning and living your Stewardship Calling takes you on an intentional journey from merely earning the “means” to live, to finding the “meaning” for your life.
Part 4

Holy Scripture And Secular Guidance About Living Your Stewardship Calling?
“...I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians 4:1
“...When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...”

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13
“BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them… if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching… he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness…”

St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans 12:6-14
You spend the first part of your life trying to be “successful” and the second part of your life trying to be “significant.”

The time in-between is Half Time.
The Marianes Corollary - From “Means” to “Meaning”

- We must provide the “means” to live your life and provide for your family
- However, “means” are personal (and self-centered)
- “Meaning” is found in serving others (“making a difference”)
- Living your calling takes you from “me” to “we” as you pursue “meaning” while providing means
“Don’t measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but what you should have accomplished with your ability.”

- John Wooden
“Here is the test to find out whether or not your mission on earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't.”

(author unknown)
“That the end of our lives may be Christian, without pain, blameless and peaceful, and for a good account before the awesome judgment seat of Christ?”
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1
“Do I possess the house in which I live? No, it is only on loan to me from God while I remain in that place.

Do I possess the clothes I wear? No, they are on loan to me until they wear out, or until I give them away to someone in greater need.

Do I possess this body that you see before you? No, it was lent to me by God when I was born, and he will take it back when I die.

Do I possess the mind that is composing the words that I speak? No, that too was lent by God at my birth and will go when I die.”

¹ St John Chrysostom from *On Living Simply: The Golden Voice of John Chrysostom*
“So do I possess anything?
Yes, I possess the virtues which during my life have grown and flourished within my soul.
Inasmuch as I have grown in faith, I possess faith. Inasmuch as I have grown in gentleness, I possess gentleness.
These things are immortal; they are divine gifts which God will not take away, because he wants heaven itself to be filled with virtue.
And, of course, I possess my soul, in which these virtues have their roots.”

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This Is How You Want To Figure Out Your Calling
“The Lord said… He who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me…”

Matthew 10:38
I didn’t go to religion to make me "happy." I always knew a bottle of Port would do that.

If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don’t recommend Christianity.

C. S. Lewis
“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’ ”

Matthew 9:37-38
“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations

...baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you... "
You have been called as one of the 70 Disciples

Luke 10:1