



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

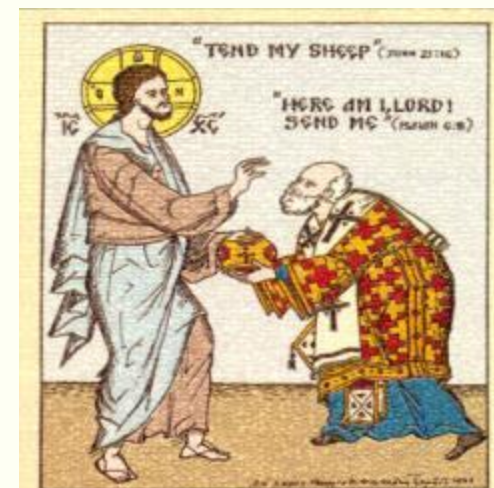
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*“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be
much required. Luke 12:48*

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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?

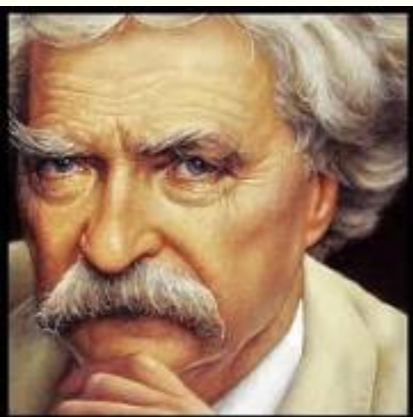




The Wisdom of Mark Twain



**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?





Stewardship Calling



- ~ 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



Stewardship Calling



**WHY did your Creator make you
in His image and likeness and
give you all of your unique
talents and experiences?**



Every person is made in the
image and likeness of God.



Stewardship Calling



**When you discern WHY you have
been so blessed, you will
discover your stewardship calling**



God's

Calling



Will You Answer?



You Have Been Called



“...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**



The First 3 Steps



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



The First 3 Steps



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



The First 3 Steps



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?



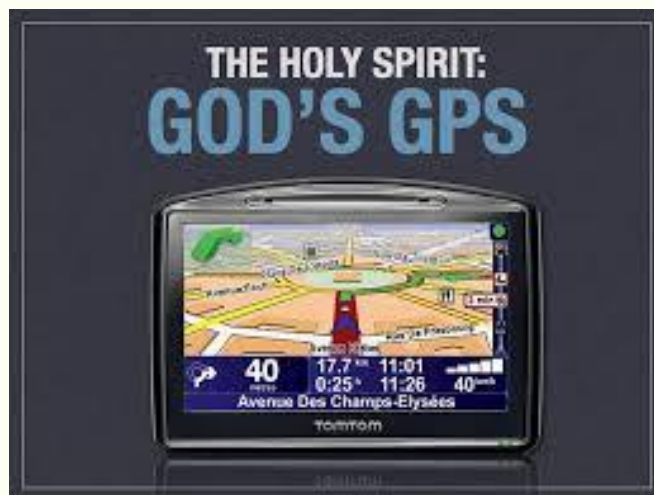


G.P.S. (God Positioning System)



**“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?

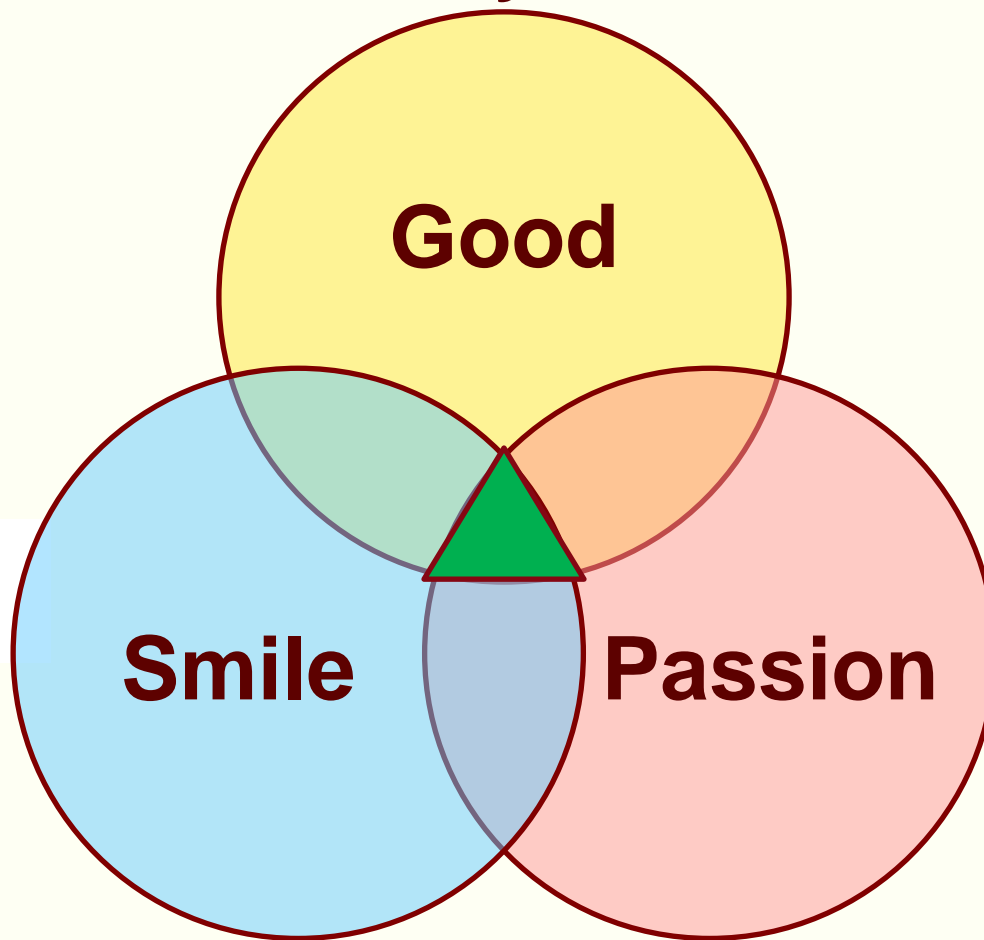
Question 3: What makes me Smile?



G.P.S. = God Positioning System



what are you Good at



What
makes you
Smile

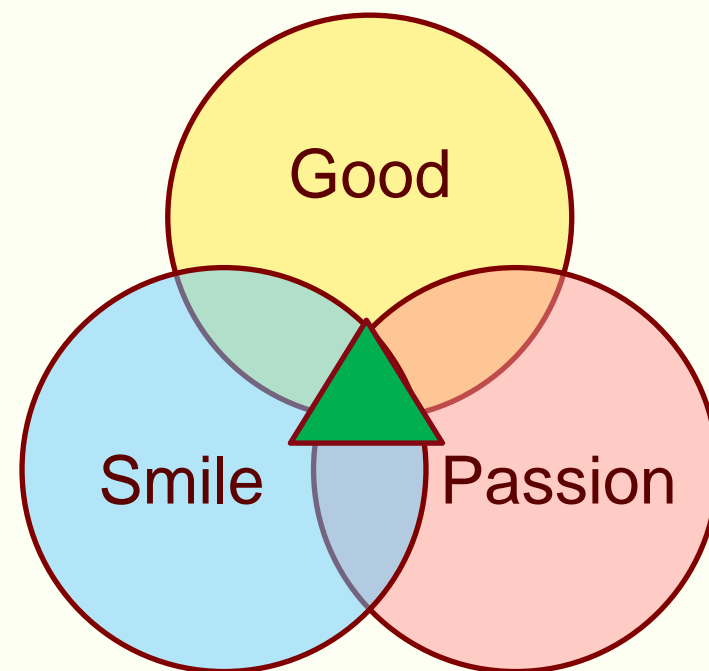
what are you
Passionate
about



Using G.P.S. To Discern Your Stewardship Calling



- 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)

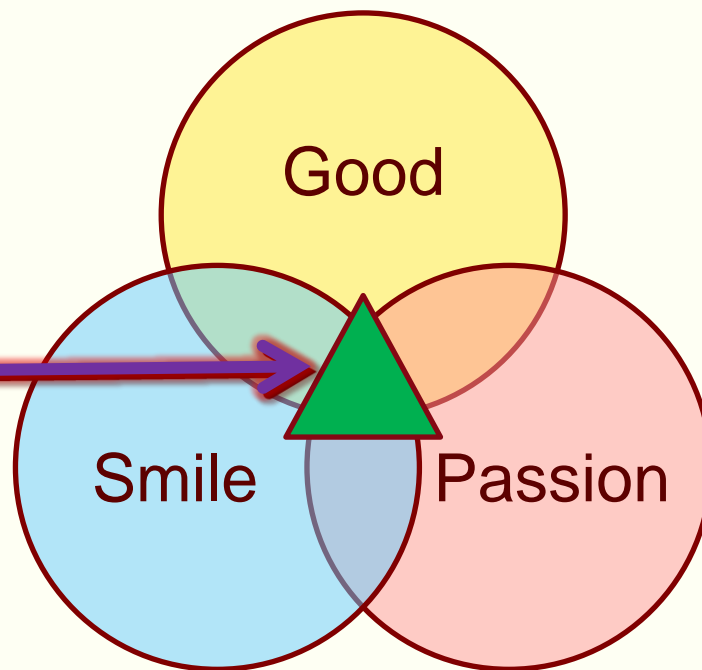




Using G.P.S. To Discern Your Stewardship Calling



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.

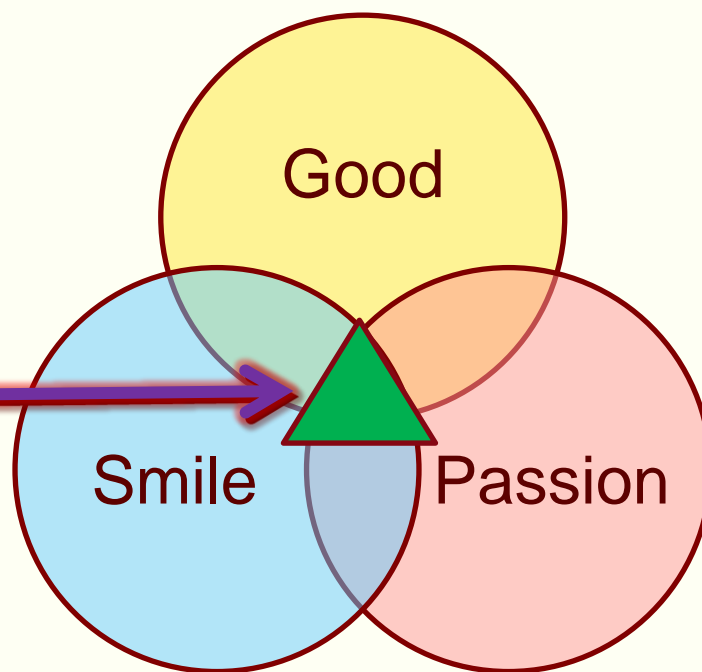




Using G.P.S. To Discern Your Stewardship Calling



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

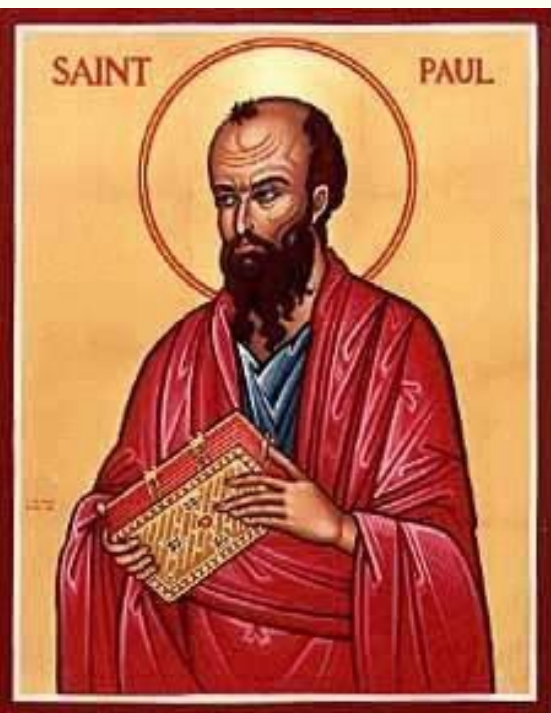


Holy Scripture And Secular Guidance About Living Your Stewardship Calling?





Why Are You Here?



“...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**



Why Are You Here?



**“... 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



Why Are You Here?



“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



Half Time - The Journey from Success to Significance

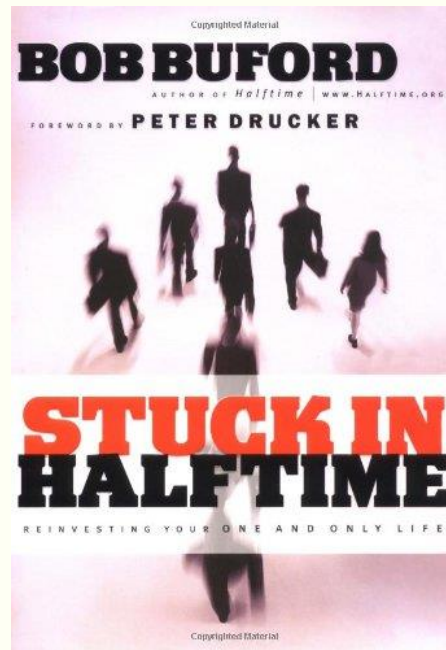
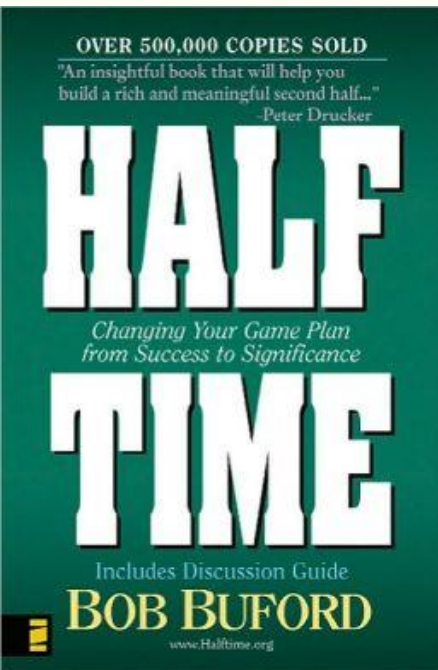


**Bob
Buford**



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.

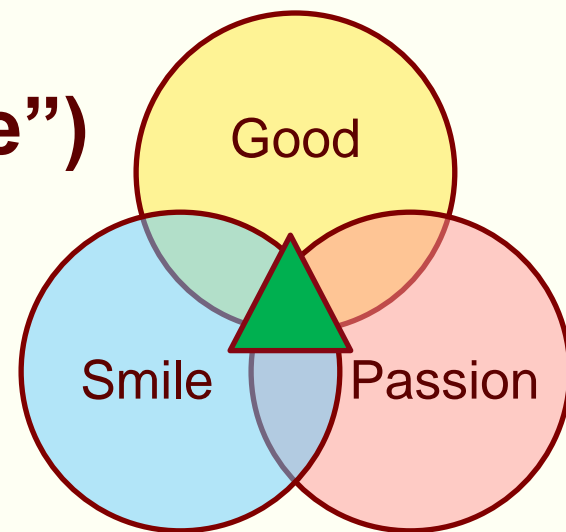




The Marianes Corollary - From “Means” to “Meaning”



- 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)





Why Are You Here?



**“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?”**



Why Are You Here?



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



An Orthodox Reflection on Stewardship Calling¹



“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*



An Orthodox Reflection on Stewardship Calling¹



“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





This Is What The Lord Said Is The Answer



**“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.

C. S. Lewis

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



It's Time To Get Busy Living Your Calling



“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



The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20



“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



GO FORTH

A hand-drawn sign with the words "GO FORTH" in a thick, black, brush-stroke font is positioned in the middle of the frame. The sign is partially submerged in the ocean, with waves crashing against its base. The water is a deep blue-grey, and the sky above is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is one of adventure and exploration.