

True To The Heavenly Call ***(Gina Thomas)***

It is often very relieving to know that we did not make our own choice to follow God, but rather we are in this path because He called us with a higher purpose. It assures us that we are not alone; rather we have a higher power that is leading us. We are fast to quote I Thessalonians 5:22 in our times of trouble. “Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

But, do we have a responsibility toward this call? In Hebrews 3:1, Paul tells us that we are “partakers of the heavenly calling”, and we are to be faithful like the “Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus”. Jesus was faithful to him that appointed him, and we his followers should be like him.

- The Call to life and light: The heavenly call that Paul is speaking about takes us from darkness to light, from death to life. I Peter 2:9, says we are called to light and John 4:14 says we are called to have everlasting life. Our responsibility lies in showing forth the praises of Him who called us and sharing his love to others.
- The Call to bear fruits: Jesus himself says in John 15:2, “Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away”. We are called to bear fruits for our master, and that is possible only by ‘abiding in Him’ John 15:4.
- The Call to be holy: Peter admonishes us in his first epistle 1:15 and 16, that we are called to be holy in “all manner of conversation”. Again in I Corinthians 6:19-20 Paul reminds us that we do not belong to ourselves, as we were bought with a price. We are expected to glorify God every moment of our life.
- The Call to love: Above all, we are called to love God, our fellow men and even our enemies. In John 15:12, Jesus commands us to love one another as He loved us.

We have a high calling that requires us to live our lives with great care. Let's be true to our faithful Master.