

# 4 SIGNS

You *Aren't* Walking in Your Calling





God has placed a call on your life. He has created you for a purpose. This is a simple enough concept to grasp if you are working in vocational ministry, but the application can be more difficult if you are called to work outside of the church. This opens up a whole line of questions.

How do you operate in your calling outside of the church?

What do you do if you're not operating in your calling?

How do you know the difference?

Here are four indicators that it might be time for a change.

# 1. Your Passion is Fading

“Passion” looks different for everyone. It can also change as time goes on. The real problem indicator is when you can’t seem to connect with the mission behind your position, no matter how much grit and optimism you put forth.

I worked my first job for six years. Most of that time, I enjoyed my work environment and my coworkers, and most importantly, I believed in the work we were doing. Eventually, I started to notice a shift in myself. Many of the tasks I was given were beginning to lose their meaning. I struggled to continue doing my best work; the honeymoon phase was clearly over.

Before I made any decisions, I examined myself and prayed for direction. Was this just a character flaw? Was there something in me that needed to be adjusted? Ultimately, I realized that my time there was done, and I began searching for the job that God was calling me towards.

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## 2. You Are Exhibiting Symptoms of Stress

It has been my experience that when God draws you out of one season and into another, your grace and peace for your current situation will begin to wane. Sometimes, stress happens simply because the season you are in is difficult, or because you are being stretched and refined by your circumstances. In times like these, the best practice is to seek the insight of a trusted counselor or wise friend.

If you find that this person agrees that you have dealt with the situation to the best of your ability, it is time to consider whether or not this is a sign that you are meant to move on.

Walking in your calling isn't always easy, but when God's favor is on you, His peace follows!

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### 3. Your Giftings are Going Unused or Underused

It's normal to start out working a job that just pays the bills. It's even okay to do this for years, and you may hold multiple jobs that fall into this category. But eventually, you have to ask yourself: am I the best version of myself by doing what I am doing right now? Sometimes, the safety of doing something you are familiar with is enough to hold you back from what you should really be doing. God often calls us to do things that seem intimidating and there's good reason for that! Meaningful work is bigger than just you and ultimately, brings glory to God. That kind of work *should* intimidate you. That kind of work *should* challenge you.

God has given you gifts and talents for a reason, and they are meant to be used! Don't let them go to waste by reducing your career to "necessary evil." Branch out and press on until you find a fit that's right for you!

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## 4. You Don't See Opportunities in Your Work

What's next for you in your line of work? God calls you to move forward, not to get comfortable and stagnate. Are there new projects for you or your business? New growth markets? An opportunity for promotion? These are all good signs that you are right where you need to be.

If everywhere you turn seems to be a closed-door or status quo expectation, maybe you're not in the right place just yet.

Take some time to pray about what your next step should be. Perhaps you only need to make a small change, like adjusting your mindset. Or maybe it's time for something bigger, like an industry change.

How exciting!

How terrifying!

Either way, walking in the calling that God has for YOU means that you will have a meaningful and satisfying career that honors Him. That makes all of the effort to find it worth it.

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