

## TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

## Knowing Your Call (3/12/masses)

Call = a claim on a person's time or life (Amer. Heritage Dict); a special disposition (as if from a divine source) to pursue a particular course (WordNet).

*"The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it [fulfill His Call by hallowing you and keeping you]." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:24 NIV & Amp*

*"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me--watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you". ~ Matthew 11:28-29 Msg*

On a separate sheet of paper, make a list of the people, organizations, and activities in your life. Ask the Lord to show you the level of Call you should have for each person or item. How much time and energy is He calling you to invest there, right now? Is this a fresh Call, or an old one? REMEMBER: Need ≠ Call. Ask Him for a vision and/or Bible verse for each one of the items in your "3" and "12".

*Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. ~ Psalm 25:12 NIV*

Inner Circle/"3": These Calls take priority over all others. Jesus comes first, then husband, then children. You may have one or two others here.

1. Jesus (Matt. 6:33)
- 2.
- 3.

Your "12": Here is where you put those people, organizations, and activities that you are called to invest in at a high level; not because it is expected, but because you have been called by the Lord to invest here. It is beneficial to further divide these within the group.

Masses: These are the people, organizations, and activities that you are called to in a more limited way. Maybe you are called to invest here seasonally or sporadically. When asked to invest here, get a fresh word every time.

Go back to that list you made first. Beside each relationship (be it with a person or organization) take note of the “fruit” that is present in each one. Are you experiencing love, joy, peace, etc. there? Do you feel empowered and energized there? Pay special attention to any negative fruit you see: feeling frustrated, irritated, drained, put out, angry, overwhelmed, guilty, sad, etc. Ask the Lord to show you the entry point of these feelings. [Are you believing a lie? Have you made any judgments? Have you made a vow? Is there unforgiveness on your part? Have you been wounded here? Are you overstepping your boundaries into an area that is the responsibility of God or someone else (over-responsibility)? Where is your hope? Etc.] Write down what the Lord reveals.

Use the Tools and Techniques pages you have acquired thus far to process through what the Lord reveals until you are sure of your Call in this place and can operate freely and fully within it [regardless of the circumstances or responses of another person]. Ask your group leader or Kathy if you need further help with this process.