



Colossians 1:1 My Circumstances Can't Be Allowed to Change My Calling

1. There are still those who would have us believe that Christianity is a religion rather than a relationship with Christ that is so overwhelming we desire to give ourselves up to _____.
2. When your life changes that doesn't mean your purpose in this life changes. Your purpose is to spend your life _____ God.

Colossians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

3. Paul's descriptors "Apostle", "Slave", and "Prisoner", are not to be seen as an extreme, but rather as an _____ for us to follow.
 - a. If we claim to be Christians, then we are sent out into this world to _____ Christ.
We are His apostles!
 - b. You are not your own. You were bought with an unimaginably high price. You have the high privilege of being a slave to the King and Creator. He paid for you with His life _____.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. NIV

There is also an _____ component in the word slavery.

I am called to obey
My Owner
My King
My Rescuer

- c. We are called to serve our God no matter what my current _____ is.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. NIV

4. My circumstances cannot be allowed to _____ the fact that I am called to serve my King.
5. My confidence must come from a focus on the fact that:
 - a. God loves me with a _____ love.
 - b. Nothing is more _____ than my Father.
 - c. Nothing _____ my Father.
 - d. All things work together for good ... even my seasons of _____.
6. Fight the battle! Don't focus on the circumstances going on around you. Fixate on Christ's love and _____ for you.