

The Call to Be Different

(1 Peter 1:13-16)

In 1 Peter 1:13-16, God calls us to be different than the rest of the world. It is not easy to answer this call. But this call isn't really unique when we read the Bible. Throughout the scriptures we find numerous examples of servants of God who answered this call.

- Noah answered it (Genesis 6:5-8).
- Caleb answered it (Numbers 14:24).
- Lot answered it (2 Peter 2:7).
- Daniel answered it (Daniel 1:8).
- John the Baptist answered it (Mark 1:4-8).

Have we answered the call? When people look at us, do they see something different? Do they see someone who is unique and stands out in a positive way?

I. The call to be different is a call to walk right !

- A. Do we walk different when it comes to our...
 1. Morals (2 Peter 1:5)?
 2. Control of Emotions (Ephesians 4:26)?
 3. Marriage (Ephesians 5:23; 1 Peter 5:7)?
 4. Character (1 Corinthians 11:1)?
 5. Treatment of others (Ephesians 4:32; Galatians 5:22)?
 6. Attitude (Galatians 5:22; Philippians 4:13)?
 7. Dress (1 Timothy 2:9)?
 8. Entertainment (1 Peter 1:14-16)?
 9. Job (Colossians 4:23)?
 10. Priorities (Matthew 6:33)?
- B. Have you answered the call of God to walk different in these areas of life?

II. When we embrace the call...

- A. We will become salt and light (Matthew 5:13-15).
 1. We positively impact the world.
 2. We will shine and show people the way to go!
- B. We will better our chances of winning the lost (Matthew 5:16).
 1. Effective evangelism starts with walking right!
 2. When we don't, we hinder the work and cause others to mock God.
- C. We openly profess our devotion to Jesus (Matthew 10:32-33).
 1. Walking right won't make you popular with the world.
 2. It does lift up and bring glory to Jesus!

Conclusion: Has your life been matching your claim to be a follower of Christ?