

purposeful and instructional, not accidental. The honoring of the life purpose calls for some dedicated effort on the part of the believer.

3. Conclusion

As a Christian lives, day by day, he may look to the word of God to see if his life is moving in accord with the presentation of holiness. This fulfillment of the calling will give one greater dedication and spiritual ease in every task he undertakes. It is an intensely personal thing. You must answer it for yourself. But it is preciously important. To honor the fulfillment of the calling...to move to holy living as the normal expression...this is to see why we are called and what we are supposed to be.

D. Live in a State of Commitment

2 Timothy 1, emphasis on vs. 12

1. Introductory notes

In our former discussion the thrust was on the reality of living to fulfill our calling-purpose. In this discussion we pick up from that and note that the believer has a golden opportunity to follow the apostolic advice and live in a sense of complete trust in the Lord. This is given by the Apostle in the light of his own difficulties and trials and from that point of view should take on added meaning for us. His is not a fair weather commitment...it is a yield- edness to Christ in spite of all or anything else. If the Roman prison is the direction the journey moves on, he will follow it for he is committed...and, having seen the Grace of God in the Gospel, he can trust it with his life. This sort of commitment influences all the deeds of life in the expectation that they belong to and are under the care of the Lord.

2. Discussion

a. Don't be attached to "life" things.