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You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last- and so whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give to you.

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Constant Calling Core Conviction Convenience or Conviction

ROMANS 15:4-6 (msg.)

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BLANKS: SUCCESS, CALLING, CHARACTER, COUNSEL/CONNECTIONS

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1. GET A TRUE GRASP ON WHAT RIVER YOUR ROOTS ARE TAPPED INTO

This is something that is easily deceptive. We deceive *ourselves*. Many of us who would quickly say our resource or the vine we are growing from is God, the Bible, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, but when we do the math on how we spend our time, the things we read, watch, participate in...the people we choose to hang out with, laugh, joke, travel, eat with...TV, online stuff, music, video games – do the math. All of that is tapping into a flow, an influence that forms our thoughts and effects how we speak, react, make decisions, control anger, deal with disappointments, manage prosperity or financial challenges...you get the idea. Really, how much are we really tapped into a constant, powerful flow of God's living word and Spirit?

2. CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE THREE "C"s IN YOUR LIFE

This a wonderfully specific teaching. Love it. There's the CALLING, the CHARACTER, and the COUNSEL (or connections). We talk about it all the time. It is woven into Vision's Core Values and our mission statement. We are answering God's CALL to help others see who Jesus really is... He is calling all of us. Your calling flows through your different circumstances.

The CHARACTER part is perhaps most easy to sidestep...because we can fake this, fool others and even fool ourselves (for a while). The greatest assurance we have to make sure we are genuinely living a life of godly (imperfect, but constant) character is to live an open, transparent life where we actually cannot hide a lack of integrity or practice hypocrisy.

Same with COUNSEL (connections). We are getting our counsel from somewhere. Kind of like the point above – your resource...who are we listening to? Identify. Evaluate. Take these three very understandable but extremely foundational, powerful constants and evaluate how strong you are in these and how you can grow.

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