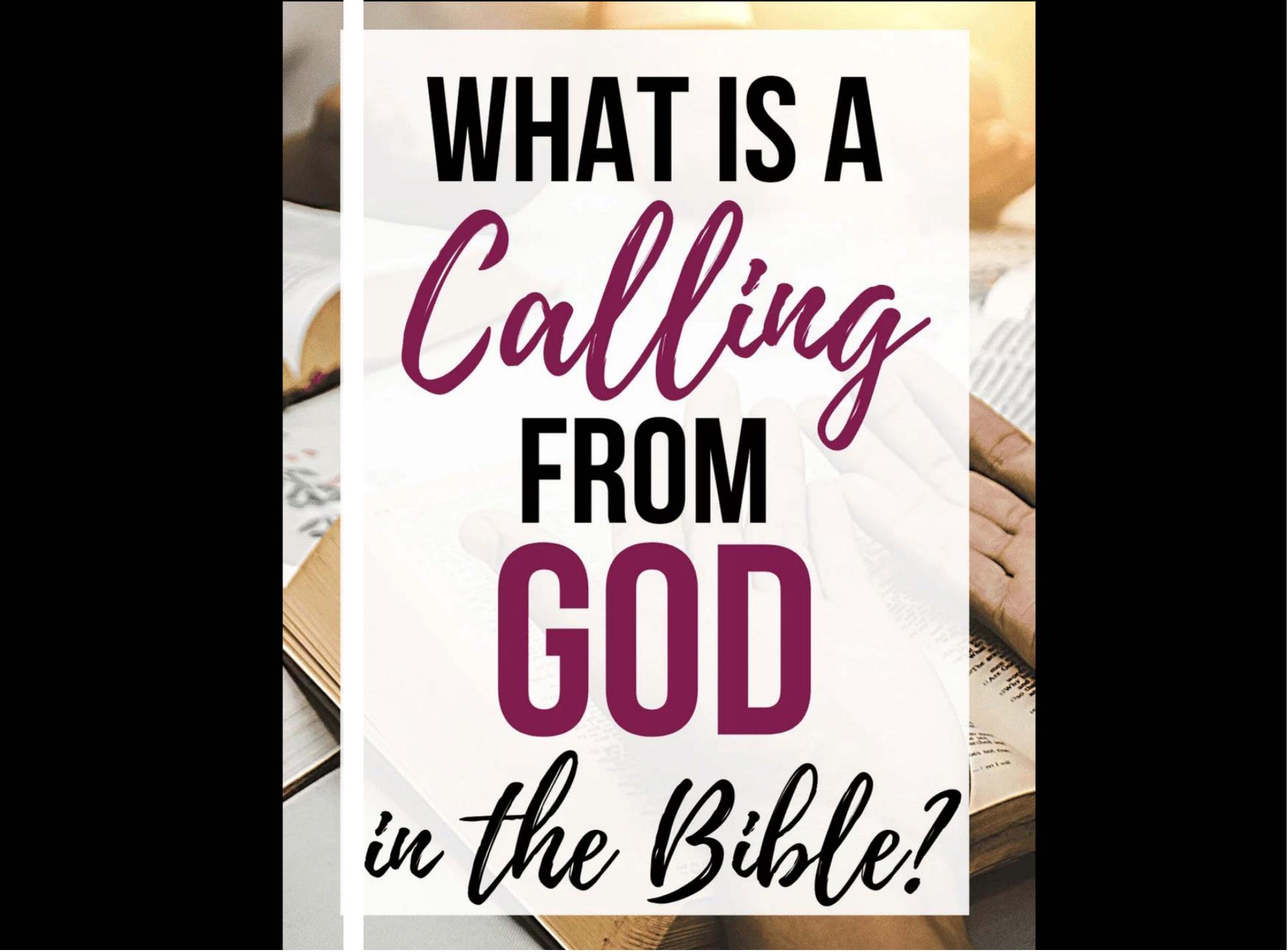




**Questions & Answers From The Bible
Sunday Night Series**

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The background of the image shows a pair of hands holding an open Bible. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular area in the center. The text is arranged as follows: 'WHAT IS A' in bold black uppercase letters; 'Calling' in a large, purple, cursive font; 'FROM' in bold black uppercase letters; 'GOD' in a large, purple, bold sans-serif font; and 'in the Bible?' in a black, cursive font.

WHAT IS A
Calling
FROM
GOD
in the Bible?

What Does the
Bible Say About
“God’s Calling?”

THE CALLING OF GOD

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

2 Pet. 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

THE TEST OF DESIRE

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

1 Timothy 3:1

THE TEST OF LIFE

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity...

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil"

1 Timothy 3:2-7
(cp. Titus 1:6-8.)

THE TEST OF ABILITY

"Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers"

Titus 1:9

(cp. 1 Timothy 3:5 and 1 Peter 5:2.)

THE TEST OF RECOGNITION

"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away"

Acts 13:1-3
(cp. Acts 16:1-3.)

THE TEST OF PROOF

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

2 Timothy 4:5

"Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil"

1 Timothy 3:6.

"And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office... "

1 Timothy 3:10.

"And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things..."

2 Corinthians 8:22.

*No One Is
Supposed To
Understand Your
Calling,
It Wasn't
A Conference Call*

