

When You Feel Like a Silly Putty Christian

Sometimes it's easy to feel useless. Sometimes it's easy to feel like you don't really count for much. Sometimes it's easy to get discouraged as you search for significance. When you feel like this, it's good to remember the opening verses of Colossians, for they reveal some very important principles for making your life count for something good.

To make my life count for something good, I will...

1. See myself as having _____ from God (1).

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

1) My calling is _____.

- Paul had _____.

This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. (Acts 9:15)

- I have _____.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (Ephesians 4:1)

2) My calling uses _____.

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10,11)

3) My calling requires _____.

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

4) My calling involves _____.

20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. 21 Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. (2 Timothy 2:20,21)

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19,20)

2. Be a _____ -I'm-a-Christian Christian.

To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ (Colossians 1:2)

1) I value _____.

- Holiness is my _____ in Christ.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation (Colossians 1:21,22)

- Holiness is my _____ in life.

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above... 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature... (Colossians 3:1,5)

2) I value _____.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22,23)

I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. (Revelation 2:13)

3. Live in _____ and _____.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father. (Colossians 1:2)

1) I will be someone who lives in _____.

- Grace: The basis for my _____.

For it is by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:8)

- Grace: The means of my _____.

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation (1 Peter 2:2)

2) I will be someone who lives in _____.

- There is no substitute for making peace with _____.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)

- There is no substitute for making peace with _____.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

Although, I may feel at times like a Silly Putty Christian, God says that I'm not insignificant. So, I will live with confidence and seeking to fulfill my calling from God.