

Making Our Calling & Election Sure



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How Do Christians Make Our Calling & Election Sure?



Must Make Traits Ours & Abound

- Acceptance with God has always demanded an abounding presence of proper character
 - **Deut. 6:5** Love God with all heart, soul & might
 - **Deut. 10:12** Walk & serve God in all ways w/ all heart
- Gospel demands abounding service of Christians
 - **1 Cor. 15:58** Always abounding in work of the Lord
 - **2 Cor. 9:8** Abound unto every good work
- If we seek the minimum of service (*“what do we have to do”*), our attitude will prevent full service
- Our spiritual service is opportunity, not “have to”

Must Not Be Barren or Unfruitful

- Abounding service will produce obvious results
- Lack of fruit is unacceptable to the Lord
 - *Matthew 13:22* Thorny soil became unfruitful
 - *Luke 13:6-9* Time given to bear fruit, but must produce
- Fruit is the natural product of Christian's character
 - *Ephesians 5:7-10* “The fruit of the light is...”
 - *Galatians 5:22-23* “The fruit of the Spirit is...”
- Spreading truth & exemplifying godly character is fruit expected

Unfruitfulness



**Is
Due
To**

Blindness



(Short-Sighted)

“If You Do These Things You Will Never Stumble...”

- Promise of heavenly home is certain to the faithful
 - *Jn. 14:1-3* “If it were not so, I would have told you”
 - *Heb. 6:19-20* A hope both sure and steadfast
 - *1 Pet. 1:3-5* Incorruptible, undefiled, does not fade away
 - *Col. 1:3-5* Hope laid up in the heavens
 - *Heb. 11:16* Better, that is, a heavenly country
 - *Rev. 22:14* Right to enter by doing His commands
- Heaven is not an eternal destiny by surprise
- It is a prepared place for a prepared people

Am I Prepared for the Home of God's Holy People?

