



ICE BREAKER

- What is a bad habit you've been trying to get rid of? Or what good habit are you trying to develop?

Take a Second Look

I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.

(Genesis 22:17-18)

King: to lead and to fight

Deuteronomy. 17:14-15: When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, "I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me," you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose..."

Psalms 78:70-72

Priest: to care for the needs of the people both physically and spiritually

Exodus 19: 5-6: "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.

Numbers 6:23-27

Prophet: to remind the people of what God has said and what He's going to do

Jeremiah 1: 4-10: The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."



3 Essentials To Start and Finish Well

Continual Seeking to Know God

Deuteronomy 17:18-19: When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees.

Continual flow of obedience

Matthew 12:14: the Pharisees were concerned with purity and religious piety, yet they wanted to kill Jesus

Continual dependence upon the Holy Spirit

Zechariah 4:6: “not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit”

APPLICATION

- How might the use of words like priest, king, and prophet affect my view of my calling at Stone Creek? What are the possibilities if I combine my “menial” efforts with God’s anointing?
- What is holding me back from being responding to God’s calling? (Past experiences? Mistakes? Lack of confidence or clarity? Doubt? Fear?)
- Do I really believe that God has uniquely designed me to do something significant? What are the implications for others if I don’t follow through? Read Ephesians 2:10 for more clarification.