

# What's in Your Hand?

- Calling vs. Purpose

***II Timothy 1:9*** – who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to you in Christ Jesus before time began.



## Six reasons why we value what's in our heart over what's in our hand.

1. Often what's in your hand involves discipline and diligence. What's in your heart involves romance it's a place where you can escape from what's in your hand.
2. What's in your hand is familiar and constantly present. What's in your heart is distant and always in the future somewhere.
3. What's in your hand can seem self indulgent and self serving. What's in your heart seems noble. What's in your hand can be where we get our identity. Calling is about gift and talent what God has put in your hand. What's in your heart is about purpose and eternity.



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4. What's in your hand looks like you and what's in your heart is what you want to look like. Because we don't like the way we look we elevate the way we want to look.
5. What's in your hand carries expectation from your family and friends. What's in your heart is not carrying others expectation.
6. What's in your hand is calling it's what you do. What's in your heart is purpose it's what you love.



# So What Do You Do?

- What do you do when what's in your hand seems to be an obstacle to what's in your heart?
- What do you do when you need to be faithful to what's in your hand but you only want to do what's in your heart?



## Accept God's Design

- First, accept God's design for your life (what's in your hand and what's in your heart). Don't lay down what's in your hand to go after what's in your heart. Don't despise the foolish and the base things in your life.
- Second, be thankful for what God has put in your hand. Ask God to give you a renewed interest and excitement for what you do.
- Third, begin to change now! Your gift can take you where your character can not keep you. Don't underestimate the power of what is in your hand.
- Fourth, believe that what's in your hand will lead you to what's in your heart. Trust God that what's in your hand will fulfill what's in your heart.



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- ***1 Corinthians 1:26-28***

- *For you see your calling, brethren, “that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called.*
- *But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are.*



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- *Exodus 4:1-3* Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, “The Lord has not appeared to you”.
- So the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A rod.”
- And He said “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.
- Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand).

