

# Is God Convicting Your Heart And Calling You To Himself?

In many verses in the Bible, we are told that God will call out to us, convicting our hearts about giving our life to Jesus and serving Him. Two such verses are:

- † *For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.* Acts 2: 39
- † *And when he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment* John 16: 8

How do you know if God is calling to you or trying to convict your heart? The Bible suggests a number of ways you might recognize this is happening.

1. A growing feeling that you should be living a different life, making better choices and decisions
  - † *And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin* John 16: 8a
  - † Often we rationalize or excuse away our sin. Are you moving past that point in your life?
2. An inability to overcome the guilt from past sins
  - † *I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin.* Psalm 32: 1 - 5
  - † Does guilt from past mistakes still eat at you? You can let go of the guilt through the forgiveness offered by Jesus Christ
3. You have a growing desire to understand the purpose of your life
  - † *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."* Isaiah 43: 7
  - † *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Ephesians 2: 10
  - † There is always some feeling of emptiness inside until you realize that you were created for a purpose in God's plan and begin to seek that purpose out
4. There is a feeling that you need a stronger identity of who you are
  - † *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God* Romans 8: 15 - 16
  - † Getting your identity from human groups or activities (ethnicity, sports, politics, your profession, successes, a hobby, etc.) will be too shallow and leave you wanting more
5. You have a desire to be part of something bigger than yourself, something which will outlast your life, create a legacy and leave a mark on the world.
  - † *Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.* Ecclesiastes 3: 10 - 11
  - † That desire to leave a legacy comes directly from God "putting eternity into your heart" and no earthly accomplishment is going to fulfill the need to be part of something bigger than yourself the way finding your eternal purpose in God will fulfill it
6. Or, perhaps, you are a Christian who just knows God is calling you to a deeper commitment
  - † *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.* Revelation 3: 20

If you are feeling called and convicted in any of the ways above, you should reach out to God through prayer, reading the Bible and becoming regularly involved in a church.

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