

C. Five Aspects for Receiving Your Call.

(Suggested teaching time: 15 minutes)

Preparing to receive your call

[See Appendix 4C]

Submit to God's rule. (Lk 9:23)
 Study God's Word. (2Ti 3:16,17)
 Surrender to God's shaping process. (Ro 12:2)
 Stop sinning. (Is 5:16)
 Set broken relationships right. (Heb 12:14,15)
 Serve faithfully in the small things. (Mt 25:21,23)

1. Seek God for revelation.

God will reveal Himself to those who seek Him earnestly. Ask God to reveal your calling and make clear what is not yet clear.

... if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding...³ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. (Pr 2:3,5)

2. Discern the voice of God.

- Discerning the voice of God for our calling may be very clear through a powerful encounter with God, like Paul on the Damascus road (Ac 9:15,16; 22:10). However, most of us will not encounter this type of supernatural experience.
- For most people, discerning the voice of God will involve the harmonizing of four inputs. This can be represented by the alignment of four harbor lights:

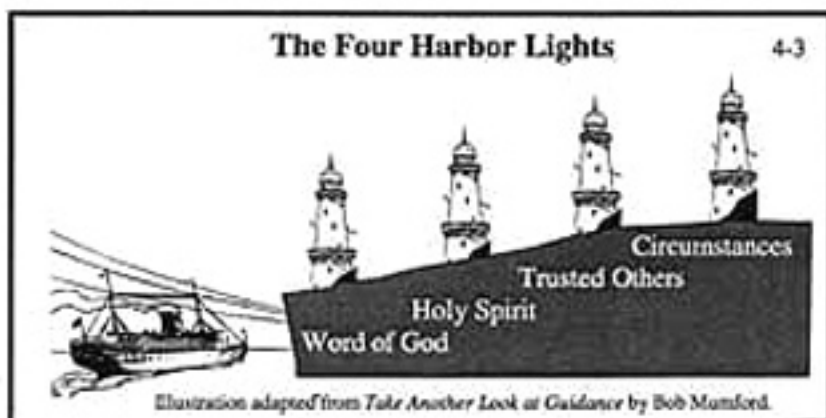


Illustration adapted from *Take Another Look at Guidance* by Bob Mumford.

- The written Word of God (objective standard).
- Promptings/peace of the Holy Spirit (subjective witness).
- Input from trusted others (divine confirmation).
- Circumstances (divine providence).