

ABOUT THE BOOK

Many have asked questions about the call of God. What is the call of God, and what does this call look like? Journey alongside ten individuals who embrace the Prophetic, Apostolic, Evangelistic, Pastoral, Teaching, Marriage, and Counseling ministries. Through an immersive exploration, readers discover the niceties of God's call and witness diverse experiences documented using an open-ended self-report technique. Unveiling the uniqueness of each individual's journey, this book reveals that God's call is not a one-size-fits-all approach. Delving into patterns that emerge, readers glean invaluable insights and identify a "checklist" of sorts to discern the signs of God's calling. Whether you are a Christian seeking clarity on your personal calling or a Minister in search of a resource for your congregation, this book serves as a valuable resource. It will enrich your understanding, inspiring you to embrace God's call in your life and providing useful insights for your spiritual journey.



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FOREWORD

In a world filled with many voices, discerning the call of God can be both exhilarating and challenging. This thought-provoking book delves into the profound topic of God's call to ministry, exploring the experiences of men and women of faith who have been uniquely chosen by the Almighty for His work.

While the narrative of "Conmen and charlatans exploiting the call of God" may be familiar in today's landscape, this book aims to shed light on genuine encounters that individuals have had with God. Through careful examination and the sharing of real-life experiences, the author takes us on a journey of discovery, exploring the general purpose of God's call.

The book commences by comprehensively examining various viewpoints surrounding the call of God, thus setting the stage for a deeper exploration. It presents biblical examples of God's call to ministry, offering timeless insights that resonate with believers today.

One intriguing aspect of this book is the distinction between "epiphanic" and "non-epiphanic" moments of divine calling. Through the testimonies of men and women of God, we come to understand that God's call is not limited to grand, dramatic events. Instead, there is a gentle, inward call that stirs within the hearts of the chosen ones, guiding them towards a profound sense of purpose and commitment.

The author emphasizes the significance of confirmation in the call of God, wherein the church and fellow believers play a crucial role in affirming and validating the individual's gifts and calling. This aspect serves as a reminder that God often works through His people to confirm His divine plan for our lives.

Throughout the book, the persuasive stories of individuals serve as inspiring examples of God's faithfulness, leading His chosen ones step by step on a journey of discovery and obedience.

As we journey further into the heart of the book, key signs that point to a person's call to ministry are explored. The inner conviction, desire for the things of God, affirmation from others,

divine encounters, and other signs are examined in detail, offering valuable insights for those seeking to discern God's call in their lives.

The book concludes with a profound call to attentiveness, responsiveness, and obedience to God's voice. It emphasizes the importance of prayerful seeking, reliance on God's Word, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading. Discerning the right time to answer His call is an ongoing journey that requires unwavering faith and trust in God's perfect timing.

In the chapter "Knowing the timing of God's call," the reader is reminded that God's timing is always perfect, and our role is to cooperate and align ourselves with His will, even when the signs are evident.

In this thought-provoking book, the author explores God's call to ministry, shares real-life experiences, and highlights key signs of a divine calling. It emphasizes how God qualifies the called, taking ordinary individuals for His extraordinary work. The book concludes with a profound call to attentiveness and obedience to God's timing, inspiring readers to embrace His unique purpose for their lives.

We are grateful to Dr. Gideon Ofosu-Peasah, for this hard work. The timing of the book is most appropriate. You will do yourself a great service by getting a copy for your library, your friends and for others who you think may need it.

May this book serve as a source of inspiration, encouragement, and guidance for all those who seek to discern and answer the call of God in their lives.

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DEDICATION

To God, the ultimate source of inspiration and guidance, whose call has ignited a flame within the hearts of countless individuals. May this book bring clarity and understanding to those seeking to discern and answer His divine call.

To my loving family Mrs. Sarah Ofosu-Peasah, Serenity and Alexa, whose unwavering support and encouragement have been my guiding light throughout this journey. Your love, understanding, and sacrifices have allowed me to pursue my passion and complete this book. I am forever grateful for your presence in my life and the inspiration you provide every day.

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To the many seekers who have wrestled with questions and doubts about their call, may this book provide illumination as you navigate the intricacies of God's call in your lives.

To all those who have courageously answered the call, and dedicated their lives to serving God and others. Your testimonies will pave the way for others to follow.

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Gideon Ofosu-Peasah, Ph.D.

ENDORSEMENTS

“Demystifying The Call of God to Ministry: A Compendium of Experiences” is a beacon of light for those who seek to understand the call of God. It empowers readers to embark on their own transformative journeys. The author’s meticulous research and compelling storytelling make this book an invaluable resource for anyone grappling with questions about the call of God. It is a must-read for those who long to uncover the niceties of God’s call and embark on a path of divine destiny.

Rev. Kofi Ahlijah, Ph.D.

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‘Demystifying The Call of God’ tackles and simplifies all the mysteries surrounding the call of God. This book contains great insights into what the call of God is, alongside how individuals embraced their unique callings. It takes a sobering look at the most controversial topic and is an essential must-read for all Christians. What I like about the book is the broad and deep range of perspectives that surround the notion of the call of God. My over twenty (20) years of encounter with the Lord while serving in His vineyard have shown me that ministry takes time; therefore, patience and faithfulness will push every growing minister to the greatest heights.

Dr. Oforu-Peasah eliminates confusion and tears down the wall of ignorance by providing evidence of the indications, inner convictions, and life experiences of great, renowned men and women of God who have broken ground as ministers of the gospel. This book will help you break the barriers of uncertainty, whether you are on a journey of perceiving, embarking, or denying the call of God. It provides a roadmap for all believers to become successful in their walk with God. If you want to break the hold of frustration and gain invaluable insights about the call of God, this is the book for you.

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This book is a masterpiece. Bringing academic distinction into Christian literature not only makes it scholarly; but also spiritually grounded as issues are dissected from a holistic standpoint. In this book, Dr. Peasah takes us on a journey to make the Christian community understand and appreciate the diverse ways God calls and commissions His men and women to service. This he does excellently, using practical examples from contemporary men and women in the 21st Century. This book sends a clear message to the Christian community that it needs to be studied, taught, and preserved for posterity. I unreservedly recommend this book to everyone.

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This book seeks to demystify the call to the ministry, as it has been a subject of great controversy in recent times. There are several theories and schools of thought surrounding this topic, and many have also experienced a shipwreck of their faith because of their perceived call to ministry.

Cynics and critics of the Christian faith have described it as an excuse for conmen who seek an easy route to defraud gullible minds of their money and property. People who claim to have received the call of God for ministry have come under a barrage of attacks in recent times because of the many mysteries and controversies surrounding the subject.

Dr. Gideon Ofosu-Peasah's book on demystifying the call to ministry is a significant contribution to the body of knowledge

on this subject. It not only shares valuable theological insights but also offers readers a compendium of experiences from which to learn invaluable lessons. This book truly does justice to its title and will be a great resource for those who are still wrestling with lingering questions about the call of God to ministry.

Pastor Emmanuel Anang Kenin
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I wholeheartedly endorse this captivating book. With engaging storytelling and insightful analysis, the author skillfully explores the diverse journeys of individuals from various backgrounds who have experienced God's call. From biblical figures to modern-day examples, this book presents compelling narratives that shed light on the multifaceted ways in which God calls His people, both within and outside the realm of traditional church work. The pages of this book are filled with wisdom and inspiration that will enable readers to understand the call to ministry and the general call every believer receives. Through practical guidance and discerning insights, the author equips readers to recognize and respond to their unique callings.

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"Demystifying the Call of God to Ministry: A Compendium of Experiences" unveils the unique journeys of ten individuals who have embraced diverse ministries, shedding light on the intricacies of God's call. Through a rich tapestry of experiences, the book demonstrates that God's call is not a one-size-fits-all approach. By exploring emerging patterns, readers gain invaluable insights and a discernment "checklist" to identify the signs of God's calling. This enlightening discourse emphasizes God's individual treatment of each person and is a must-read for those aspiring to a life of ministry.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

- A. G -Assemblies of God Churches
- AGCM - Assemblies of God Campus Ministry
- AGTS -Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
- CRS -Christian Religious Studies
- CAC -Christ Apostolic Church
- FGBMFI -Full Gospel Businessmen’s Fellowship International
- JHS -Junior High School
- MUCG -Methodist University College Ghana
- SHS -Senior High School
- UCC -University of Cape Coast
- UDS -University for Development Studies
- WASSCE -West African Senior School Certificate Examination