

Calling and Purpose Study Guide 3—John the Baptist and Lydia

John the Baptist—Read Matthew 3, 11, 14; Mark 1; Luke 1; John 3.

List what each tells you about John's calling and purpose:

Matthew 3:

Matthew 11:

Matthew 14:

Mark 1:

Luke 1:

Note at what point in John's life this prophesy is told to Zachariah:

John 3:

Having read those passages, can you articulate John's primary purpose?

What spiritual gifts do you think John was given by the Holy Spirit to carry out his purpose?

What might be actions or behaviors that aligned with John's primary purpose but were secondary?

Is your calling, your purpose, to prepare the way for another? To become less as another become greater?

Where can your gifts inform that purpose?

Lydia—Read Acts 16

List everything that is said about Lydia in this passage:

What do you notice in that list that might speak to her calling and purpose?

What spiritual gifts do you think Lydia was given by the Holy Spirit to carry out her purpose?

Is your calling, your purpose, to move away from or toward a new location? To engage in the marketplace as a Christ-follower? To open your home to a new possibility?

What other examples do John and Baptist and Lydia bring to mind?

In what ways can character traits of endurance, humility, and faithfulness help support that calling and giftedness so you are able to keep your eyes on God and not yourself?

What implications for your own calling and purpose seem to be stirring?

With what do you most resonate in the above examples? Why?

Is this perhaps a clue as to your own calling and purpose? Describe:

Additional Resources:

- Gifts-Calling-Purpose blog: <https://godgiftsyou.com/blog/>
- Downloadable Resources: <https://godgiftsyou.com/resources/>
 - See *Sample List of Interest Areas; Your Spiritual Gifts—A Study Guide; Knowing Your Unique Calling and Purpose Study Guide; Whole-Life Ministry: A Form of Worship, Grace-Giving, and Living into Your Calling.*
- Spiritual Gifts Assessment: <https://godgiftsyou.com/assessment/>
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