

Life Beyond Bling Botox and Body Mass?

Three elements of a complete life

John 1 (also Mark 1 & Matthew 3)

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America is obsessed with clothing, diets and health. Today we meet another man named John. Many focus on his unique diet and wardrobe but in spite of these, he succeeded in three crucial areas of life.

I. A CALL MISSION FROM ABOVE

A CALL or sense of Divine purpose gives direction and drive.

Mark 1 quotes Isaiah predicting John's ministry,
²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"
Mark 1

John found Isaiah's words were about him,
⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify ... John 1

II. A CAREER MINISTRY HERE BELOW

A CAREER gives a platform & paycheck as we fulfill our CALL.

John had a CAREER as a minister.
²⁸This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

He was being heard and being used for life CHANGE
⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Mt 3

III. A CAUSE MOTIVE FROM WITHIN

IV. ²⁶"I baptize with water," ... "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ... ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is the one I

meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' John 1

A CAUSE is:

- Embedded in our CALL.
- The END goal of our life.
- Present REGARDLESS of platform or paycheck.

John's life was CENTERED on Jesus and was UNMOVABLE.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

We all have different calls – special assignments from God

We should all have careers that help us carry out our call.

We all have the same cause – to point others to Christ.

- It is in our DNA
- It is the entire purpose of every Christian life.
- It is portable and with us everywhere we go.