

Charting Your Steps into Service



Inward Direction

“If any man aspires to” (1 Timothy 3:1)

Charting your desire and willingness to be involved in God’s service.

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- Saved
- Burden to serve
- Mission’s Conference
- Past experience
- Scripture passage
- Preacher’s message
- Parent’s encouragement
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











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2) Confirming a calling

- Contact mission boards
- Short term mission trips
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- Disciple others
- Sent by church
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3) Identify 3 next steps

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-  Spiritual journal; God and you.
-  Commit yourself to mission/church.
-  Devise a plan of training with mentor
-  Speak with mission agencies now.
-  Disciple others.
-  Maintain excellent daily quiet times.
-  Take up extra opportunities to serve.
-  Improve relationships with your parents.
-  Pray specifically to overcome obstacles.
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-  Confess and repent from sin.
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Gaining an objective assessment of your call into His service.

Outward Confirmation

“An overseer, then must be ...” (1 Timothy 3:2-7)

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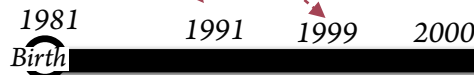
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Clarify guidance.
Talk to parents more clearly after significant prayer and fasting.



Directions for Chart

- (1) Explain the two aspects of seeking and confirming God’s will for a person in missions (Inward and outward confirmation). (10%)
- (2) First fill in lines on top half. Circle relevant items and draw to time line. Add a date if possible. (10%)
- (3) Then fill in below the time line. Circle confirmation of gifts and recognition by others. Draw lines with dates if relevant. (30%)
- (4) Highlight two or three **next steps** they are willing to follow up on from the right. (30%)
 - Obstacle to overcome
 - Ministry development
 - Character training
- (5) Together close in prayer for these things. (20%)

SAMPLE



Character training.
Get angry easily.

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Further training.
- Research schools
- See what mission boards suggest is needed

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