Stages in Calling Development

Interactive Coach Training CD

By Tony Stoltzfus
★★★★★ (5 stars)
Reviewed by Russ Rainey

Buy this CD if you:

- *Want a biblically-based introduction and overview of the subject of life calling*
- *Want to coach others to discover life purpose and calling*
- *Want to teach others about life purpose and calling*

This forty-seven-minute CD is a great investment of your time and money if you're a Christian Life Coach who is interested in coaching or teaching people about life purpose and calling. The speaker grabbed my attention early by explaining the difference between life purpose and calling – an important distinction if you're going to do distinctly Christian coaching. You will want to hear him describe how a person is processed by God on the journey to developing both character and calling.

Stoltzfus presents a visual metaphor of the five stages of calling and walks you through a description of those stages, plus he offers coaching tips for each stage. A very practical piece of content is his timeline graphic which makes clear the process a person follows from the revelation of a call to the fulfillment of the call. His concept of being prepared for the call through difficulty, though, is what makes this material unique and very significant to a person being coached who may be bogged down in the process of expressing a call.

The author's illustrations come directly from the biblical characters we all know and love: Abraham, Moses, David, Paul and even Jesus, himself. And, there are downloadable handouts on the symptoms a coach might see in a coachee in each of the calling stages – things that will make you as a coach look like a genius! If you think you will ever coach someone on the subject of discovering their God-given calling, you'll want to know this information.

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A companion resource is Stoltzfus' *A Leader's Life Purpose Workbook* for the client and the *Christian Life Coaching Handbook* for the coach. With these three tools, you should quickly become an expert in life purpose and calling from a Christian perspective.

Summary

Coaching Christians on the subject of life purpose and calling is made much easier by this simple CD. Without it, a coach might take an overly simplistic approach to a very significant subject that has eternal consequences. This is an easy and quick listen with a powerful message that is a great equipping tool for Christian coaches.

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