Dear Richy,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You wanted to know if all those who have had a vision of Jesus during a near death experience have an evangelistic calling. You told us that during your near death experience you saw a vision of Jesus and have since been praying diligently to find your calling. You said you feel like you should be doing something “very special” to bring people to the Lord.

Do all those who have a vision of Jesus during a near death experience also go on to serve the Lord with all their hearts as well as witness the greatness of God’s plan to others? The answer is some do and some do not. Some strive to make major lifestyle changes and as a result grow into mature Christians, while others, after a time, lose their zeal for the Lord due to worldly pursuits or personal hardships and, sadly, return to life, as they knew it before their epiphany. (See “The Parable of the Sower” in Matthew 13:18-23.) The question for you, however, is not what others do or have done, but what you are prepared to do.

Jesus tells us that the primary duty or call of each Christian is to “go into the world and preach the good news to all creation” (Mark 16:15). This was our Lord’s last command to his followers before his ascension to heaven. The task was not easy for the apostles and disciples 2000 years ago and it is no easier for us today. We have opposition from the world, our own sinful flesh and from the prince of this world, Satan. Nonetheless, we should not be discouraged or deterred because we are “Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2 Corinthians 5:20) Being an ambassador for Christ is a noble vocation. The Apostle Paul tells us that as a “prisoner of the Lord” each of us is to live a life worthy of the calling we received. He tells us to be completely humble and gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1-2).

You said that you were praying diligently to find your particular calling. This action tells us that you are seriously searching for guidance from God. The Apostle Paul notes that not all are called to the same line of service. “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:11-12). As you study the Bible and pray, God will present you with avenues of service that are appropriate for your level of Christian development and unique talents. In time, new avenues may be opened up to you as you mature and receive a greater measure of the holy spirit. Your job is to trust in the Lord and follow his leadings. Often the best witness a Christian can be for the Lord is a life lived for Christ. “You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, . . . written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)
Stay connected to God in prayer, asking and accepting what His will is for you. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices [the slaughter of self-will], holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2) As you seek Him, God will draw you closer. “He rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6) We will remember you in prayer as you strive to follow the example of God’s Son and our Master, Jesus Christ. “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

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