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## Being “In the Zone”

“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.” – 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Whether you are a big sports fan or not, it’s easy to get caught up in the action when you’re watching a great athlete.

Why?

They play at such a high level that it is inspirational to watch them when they are “in the zone.” What does it mean to be in the zone? Well, that’s when someone’s actions seem effortless, almost as if they could score at will.

We can all think of a bad day at work, but can you think of any time when you were in the zone – a moment where you enjoyed your task, you were caught up in your work and lost track of time? What were you doing at that moment? What skills were you using? What was it that caused you to be passionate about the work? Understanding the answers to these questions will often help you better understand how to best use your time and talents and find your “calling,” if you will.

A calling is when we are passionately using our God-given gifts in a way that pleases Him. We are not talking about your personality profile, but about those God-given gifts listed in the Bible like teaching, preaching, generosity, administration, and prayer, among many others. Kirk Livingston, CEO of a communications company, sums it up, “When we find ourselves involved with God at work, we also begin to find the work we were meant to do.” And that’s how we discover our true calling from God.

Have you discovered your calling?

Are you in your spiritual zone?

If not, pray and search for God’s will. Over time, He’ll reveal it to you.

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## Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Men of Shades, Wednesday, June 22 is our night with the Birmingham Barons at Regions Field! We’ve reserved the Home Run Porch for a fun night for the entire family. This is a Men of Shades event for EVERYONE - dads, sons, moms, daughters and your unchurched friends, co-workers and neighbors. And it’s only \$10 per person for everyone age 9 and older! You can enjoy the game plus hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, potato chips, cookies, soft drinks, team and water. We’ve got a special offer for single moms and their children as well. Click on this link <https://www.shades.org/events/mens-ministry-family-barons-game> for all the details and to register. Sign up today and join us on Wednesday, June 22 for Men of Shades night at The Barons!

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