Introduction to Vocation & Calling

Vocation is about WHO you are, WHERE you are, and your connection to OTHERS

Vocation/Calling in Employment

Job → Career → Vocation

Skills = JOB
Skills + Interests = CAREER
Skills + Interests + Meaning & Purpose = VOCATION

Which do you want to focus on?

Focusing on meaning and purpose in your career is not necessary in order to find a job; you can just look at what you do well, and then get a job that uses those skills. You can even pursue a job that you enjoy without focusing on meaning and purpose.

But you change and discover things when you choose to pursue meaning and purpose. Then “what you do” becomes intimately connected to “who you are.”

Three Classic Perspectives on Vocation

Serve “the neighbor”
– MARTIN LUTHER

Follow your bliss
– JOSEPH CAMPBELL

Find the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet
– FREDERICK BUECHNER

How to Choose a Major and a Career (booklet)
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