# Making Our Calling & Election Sure



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## How Do Christians Make Our Calling & Election Sure?

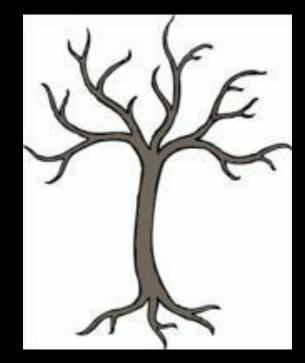
#### Must Make Traits Ours & Abound

- Acceptance with God has always demanded an abounding presence of proper character
  - Deut. 6:5 Love God with all heart, soul & might
  - Deut. 10:12 Walk & serve God in all ways w/ all heart
- Gospel demands abounding service of Christians
  1 Cor. 15:58 Always abounding in work of the Lord
  - -2 Cor. 9:8 Abound unto every good work
- If we seek the minimum of service (*"what do we have to do"*), our attitude will prevent full service
- Our spiritual service is opportunity, not "have to"

#### **Must Not Be Barren or Unfruitful**

- Abounding service will produce obvious results
- Lack of fruit is unacceptable to the Lord
  - Matthew 13:22 Thorny soil became unfruitful
  - Luke 13:6-9 Time given to bear fruit, but must produce
- Fruit is the natural product of Christian's character
  - Ephesians 5:7-10 "The fruit of the light is..."
  - Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is..."
- Spreading truth & exemplifying godly character is fruit expected

#### Unfruitfulness



Is Due To

#### Blindness



#### (Short-Sighted)

#### "If You Do These Things You Will Never Stumble..."

- Promise of heavenly home is certain to the faithful
  - Jn. 14:1-3 "If it were not so, I would have told you"
  - *Heb. 6:19-20* A hope both sure and steadfast
  - -1 Pet. 1:3-5 Incorruptible, undefiled, does not fade away
  - Col. 1:3-5 Hope laid up in the heavens
  - *Heb.* 11:16 Better, that is, a heavenly country
  - Rev. 22:14 Right to enter by doing His commands
- Heaven is not an eternal destiny by surprise
- It is a prepared place for a prepared people

## Am I Prepared for the Home of God's Holy People?

