Charting Your Steps into Service

Inward Direction

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Charting your desire and willingness to be involved in God's service.

1) Sense a calling

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Saved
Burden to serve
Mission's Conference
Past experience
Scripture passage
Preacher's message
Parent's encouragement
Other ....

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2) Confirming a calling

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Active in evangelism
Received special training
Meet mission committee
Disciple others
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Regular spiritual disciplines
Regularly pray for lost
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Raise support teams
Other ....

Birth → *NOW*

3) Identify 3 next steps

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Develop experience by exercising skills
Develop character & relational skills
Spiritual journal; God and you.
Commit yourself to mission/church.
Devise a plan of training with mentor
Speak with mission agencies now.
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Maintain excellent daily quiet times.
Take up extra opportunities to serve.
Improve relationships with your parents.
Pray specifically to overcome obstacles.
Privately study God's Word in depth.
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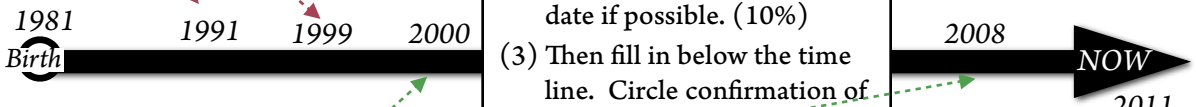
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Clarify guidance.
Talk to parents more clearly after significant prayer and fasting.

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Further training.
- Research schools
- See what mission boards suggest is needed



Directions for Chart

(1) Explain the two aspects of seeking and confirming God's will for a person in missions (Inward and outward confirmation). (10%)

(2) First fill in lines on top half. Circle relevant items and draw to time line. Add a date if possible. (10%)

(3) Then fill in below the time line. Circle confirmation of gifts and recognition by others. Draw lines with dates if relevant. (30%)

(4) Highlight two or three **next steps** they are willing to follow up on from the right. (30%)
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- Ministry development
- Character training

(5) Together close in prayer for these things. (20%)

SAMPLE

Character training.
Get angry easily.

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