

Podcast Episode Notes

Season 3 Episode 5 Are you a polished arrow?

In the Scriptures, we find God calling people to participate with Him in His purposes. He puts His hand on the life of a man or woman and shapes them into a “polished arrow” in His hands. Isaiah became that polished arrow. He saw God which led to his shaping by God, resulting in his sending by God. But often we miss that middle step. We see God and quickly rush as fast as we can through the shaping part so we can go and do amazing things for Him. But we will regret it if we miss being shaped.

The phrase “polished arrow” comes from Isaiah 49:1-3

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand, he hid me: he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in who, I will be glorified.”

In the Hebrew language of the Old Testament, the word “polished” means “to select, choose, purify, purge, cleanse, make bright, test or prove.”

Isaiah – upward look, inward look, outward look (Isaiah 6)

Step 1: Seeing stage - people see something of Jesus, I’m getting to know him know
Oftentimes, we skip to step 3: the sending stage – doing, using the gifts we have for God
We overlook Step 2 shaping stage – they want to experience God and go out and do things. Result: “spiritual thinness” of character

God used 2/3 of Moses’ life to shape him, Jesus lived about 33 years, 30 were preparation

Glory of God is attached to His reputation – Am I enhancing the reputation of God?
Does it bring Him glory?

To learn more about becoming a polished arrow, check out Chapter 2 of *The Great Opportunity: Making Disciples of Jesus in Every Vocation*, available at Lionshare.org

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