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James E. Carter For those interested in understanding and appreciating the call of God to Christian service, this book is an essential collection of materials covering the full range of Christian history. The introductions to both the sections and the selections are concise but complete. The historical introductions to the four sections are also clear, interesting, and informative.

From the Inside Flap

"What am I going to do with my life?" is a question that young people commonly face, while many not-so-young people continue to wonder about finding direction and purpose in their lives. Whether such purpose has to do with what job to take, whether to get married, or how to incorporate religious faith into the texture of their lives, Christians down the centuries have believed that God has plans for them.

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