



## How Do I Know Study Verse: John 15:16

**John 15:16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

**My Thoughts:** John shares the conversation of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus is again explaining to them what is expected and required of them to carry on after he returns to Heaven, for them to be successful in their ministries. Jesus shares that there will be times of self sacrifice in order to grow stronger and wiser (Pruning the vines). Jesus encourages them to stay faithful and attached. (they are branches to the vine of God) Jesus reminds each of the Disciples, they were chosen and called because of their individual strengths. Each one should bear fruit (to be successful for the Glory of God and His Kingdom) Jesus adds that the reward is great for God will hear their prayers and provide their needs. So here we are today. Believers in Christ, Followers of the Word of God. How do we know when we are called to volunteer, teach, become a Minister? The disciples were not born with the understanding that they were to become whatever laborer they became. They had to work and provide for their families, just as each of us today. The disciples were just everyday people doing their best until one day they met Jesus. A change happened in each of them. Each could have said no and walked away just as they were, but they felt inside their heart, soul, gut, that they had to help Jesus make a difference to reconnect to God. I call it the “I KNOW THAT I KNOW”. Sometimes it’s an audible whisper, maybe a dream that I can’t forget, other times during a sermon or bible study, that’s when my KNOW SO kicks in and there is a strong drawing that is irresistible. I may and have resisted, argued, and doubted, and even had to wait.. But I know that I know, never left.

God designed us before we were ever conceived. He chose our parents, He placed within us instinctive talents, knowledge, abilities, that He will require when we meet Jesus along the way. He allows us free will to say no... I'll just tell you, it's miserable until you say yes.

How do I know??? It just happens and my faith says I know that I know.. The timing is a little tricky but you will recognize the signs and nudging's along the path to where God needs you to be.

I will share this... My husband and I were looking for a church to attend... A friend was attending this certain church and shared how great it was and how the Pastor was amazing. Well it was not a Baptist Church where we were raised. But I had been talking to God and asking Him many things about who he was and If there was more than what I understood. Well, "my know so" feeling showed up and I asked my Husband if he would go to 1 service just to see for ourselves. Everything I had been asking about in my prayer time with God, He revealed, I instinctively knew the difference of truth and "practice" (I don't say fake, that's judgy). My husband and I were called into the ministry and served for 10 or 12 years. But during that time, I felt I was to be doing something, not sure, but something. I asked God as always, "what's up? " Why am I just here??? What am I supposed to do, My husband is preaching and teaching, I'm just here.. God answered in His whispering voice... "Sit and watch, there is much to learn, you will need to help later." Years later, we were called to help build the administration of a new church. Then to care for my parents, now we serve here at StonePath. I knew that I knew and I do as I do because God told me to. This is how I know and so do you... The reward is indescribable, when you look back and see children growing up and choosing ministry, souls being saved, lives being changed, people being healed. Because you KNOW.. And chose to follow Jesus.

Until next time, May God bless, protect, heal and grow in you daily. Everyone Say, AMEN