

## God has chosen the foolish things

*1 Corinthians 1:26-29 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called : [27] But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; [28] And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea , and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: [29] That no flesh should glory in his presence.*

- a) If you are wondering why God chose you. if you are lacking in natural talents and gifts, you are not alone.
- b) The way God chooses is very different from the way man chooses.
- c) There is no flesh that should be boasting before the Lord. This is one of the reasons God chooses people that do not have it all together in the natural. These folks cannot take credit for what God has done. If it were up to their own abilities without the help of the Lord, they suck!
- d) I was so bad with public speaking. I never spoke publicly. I was afraid of standing before people and when I spoke, they could not hear me. I was so bad if I sing babies would cry. It was pitiful. I also remember I could even talk to a girl myself. I needed a middleman to help me. I was afraid of all that stuff including rejection. Look at me, I have come a long way. There is hope for you by looking at me. If God can use this chap, he can use you.
- e) Those that are very gifted naturally have a tendency of depending on themselves. They want to take the credit for the good things that have happened in their lives, giving no credit and glory to God—after all, look how talented, gifted, exceptional they are. Right? Wrong!

1 Samuel 16:7 *But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*

- a) God does not look at the sex, age, skin color, natural abilities, looks, charisma, attraction, fame, or popularity. When he chose David, he had hardly any of the commonly craved attributes besides looks. Nonetheless, he was a nobody.
- b) If you can do what you are doing or what God has called you to do without needing nor depending on the Lord, I doubt if you have discovered God's call on your life.
- c) God will always call us to do things bigger and greater than ourselves where we have to be dependent on Him. This causes us to rely on Him and it removes all boasting that comes from our achievements.

1 Samuel 15:17 *And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?*

- a) This passage of scripture reveals that Saul was not the sharpest knife in the drawer. He was a nobody, yet God chose him. God chooses no bodies and if we understand this, they should not be taking credit and glory for what He does through them.
- b) If we depend on our natural abilities and talents, we limit God!

1 Corinthians 4:7 *For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*

- a) Everything we have we have received from the Lord. Why then should one boast? Why should one think he is better than everyone else?

**My glory will I not give to another**

- a) Isaiah 42:8 *I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

- b) Isaiah 48:11 *For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.*
- i) God does not share His glory with another. One of the reasons for that is because He has no equal. He is matchless and no one should boast in His presence.

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