

"Calling the Unqualified"

Text: (I Corinthians 1:26-31)

I. The ATTRIBUTES God Does Not DEMAND!

A. Proficiency is Not Required:

(I Cor 1:26a) *"not many wise men after the flesh..."*

-Bible Example: **Peter** (Acts 4:13)

B. Power is Not Required:

(I Cor 1:26) *"not many mighty..."*

(Zech 4:6)

-Bible Example: **David** (I Sam 16:12)

C. Pedigree is Not Required. (

I Cor 1:26) *"not many noble, are called:"*

-Bible Example: **Gideon** (Judges 6:15)

ILLUS: 3 Biggest Fools in Kingstowne: (Jer 9:23-24)

I. The Wise Man:

A. Atheist: (Ps 14:1; 19:1; 53:1)(Ob 1:3)(Ro 1:20)

B. Evolutionist: (2 Pet 3:3-7)(1 Tim 6:20)

C. Village Idiot:

1. **Thinks they know everything:** (Prov 26:12)

2. **Thinks He knows best:** (Prov 16:2)

3. **Famous Last Words:** (Prov 12:15)(Prov 7:21-23)

II. The Mighty Man:

A. The Bible is Centered on this: (Ps 118:8)

B. The Bible says your Cursed: (Jer 17:5-7)

C. The Bible calls them Blessed: (Ps 40:4)

1. **Life is Short:** (James 4:14)

2. **Life is Troublesome:** (Job 14:1-2)

3. **Life is Like Grass:** (1 Pet 1:24-25)(Ps 90:5-7)

III. The Rich Man:

A. Hard to be Saved: (Mk 10:22-25)

B. Follows their Whims: (1 Tim 6:9-11; 17-19)

C. Wise in their own Conceit: (Prov 28:11)

D. Rich, but Poor: (Prov 13:7)

E. Jesus pronounces Woe: (Lk 6:24)(1 Tim 6:9-10)

God Does Not demand Proficiency, Power, or Pedigree..

Since God is NOT impressed with these things.

God actually sees these as Spiritual Hinderances.

II. The ATTRACTIONS God Does DELIGHT In!

A. God Uses the Foolish Ones! (I Cor 1:27a)

B. God Uses the Frail Ones! (I Cor 1:27b)

C. God Uses the Feeble Ones! (I Cor 1:28a)(Mk 12:37)

D. God Uses the Forsaken Ones! (I Cor 1:28b)

-Bible Example: **Rehab** (Matt 1:5)

E. God Uses the Forgotten Ones! (I Cor 1:28c)

III. The ADORATION God DESERVES!

A. The Rejection of Pride. (I Cor 1:29)(Jn 15:5)

God doesn't use us b/c of Intellect, Influence, or Inheritance
No credit should be attributed to man.

B. The Reality of Praise. (I Cor 1:31) LORD, may I be:

1. Foolish enough to depend on Thee for wisdom.

2. Weak enough to be empowered by Thy strength.

3. Base enough to have no honor but Thy honor.

4. Despised enough to be kept in the dust at Thy feet.

5. Nothing enough for Thee to be everything.

*When I think of how God has used me in His work, I must cry, "To God be all the Glory!"

The Lord doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called