

## CALLED IN WEAKNESS

**Mk 7:14** And **when he had called all the people** *unto him*, he said unto them, "Hearken unto me every one *of you*, and understand:

In this chapter Jesus uses a parable to clarify what defiles a man. Only a few understood that food (no matter the manner in which it was prepared) could not defile a man. Defilement had to do with the inner man. Hence the words which were spoken from the heart could defile men and women. (Mk 7:15)

Mar 7:15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but **the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.**

Even the greatest men of God must have the inner man dealt with before they can be used of God. (Isa 6:5-7)

Isa 6:7 And **he laid it upon my mouth**, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and **thine iniquity is taken away**, and thy sin purged.

Man's weakness is not our excuse. It is our opportunity!

Jesus Christ has given all spirit-filled believers to the same opportunity to be used as ministers. The "few" who are "chosen" of God are the ones who truly desire to be obedient to His voice; we must "hearken" or listen to His instructions. Even though Christ gave many an opportunity to minister, only some were chosen and anointed to go and preach.

**Mat 22:14** "For **many are called**, but few *are* chosen.

The Gk. Word for "called" is "kletos"; meaning; invited, that is; appointed; a saint-called.

The Gk. Word for "chosen" is "eklektos"; implies; favorite, chosen, elect.

**Luk 9:1** Then **he called his twelve disciples** together, and **gave them power** and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. <sup>2</sup>And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, **and to heal the sick.**

**Isa 42:6** I the LORD have **called** thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

The Heb. word for “called” is “qara”. One of its meanings is “invite”.

The call of God to the unbeliever (to be born again) or to the believer (directing us into the ministry) is by invitation. God makes the invitation then we make the response.

The Gk. Word for “power” is “dunamis” implies; (a miracle itself): ability, abundance, (worker of) miracles, mighty (wonderful) work, power, strength.

**Moses said,**

**Ex 3:11** And Moses said unto God, **Who *am* I, that I should go** unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

**Ex 4:1** And Moses answered and said, **But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice:** for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

**Ex 4:10** And Moses said unto the LORD, **O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent**, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.**

Not eloquent: Not a (champion, or man of high degree)

Slow tongue: Heb. word for “slow” is “kabad” means: Heavy; (laden, slow, thick.)

Moses, who had an impairment of speech, thought he had a legitimate excuse to by-pass the call of God in going to Egypt to speak to the Pharaoh. Many like Moses feel they are not gifted to do God’s work. However, God gave Moses miracle gifts to help him convince Pharaoh to set the Israelites free. The great orators of Moses time would not have convinced Pharaoh in the manner that Moses did.

Isaiah said,

**Isa 6:5** Then said I, **Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips**, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Once Isaiah had seen the vision of the heavenly realm, he realized he was not as holy as he needed to be to preach. Even so, God touched his (mouth) life with heavens fire (coals from the altar: Isa 6:6-7) making his mouth (life) well suited (anointed) to go and preach.

Jeremiah said,

**Jer 1:6** Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! **behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.**

Jeremiah who was about 20 years of age, thought that he was too young to be accepted as a prophet. God loves to choose the unusual people especially those who look foolish in the eyes of the world.

**1 Cor 1:27** 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;

Jesus was completely dependent on His father.

**Jn 5:30** "**I can of mine own self do nothing:** as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father, which hath sent me. "

Jesus said,

**Jn 15:5** "**I am the vine, ye *are* the branches:** He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

**2Cor 12:10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

In troubles, distresses and persecutions Paul shows us the wisdom of God, for when Paul was physically and mentally weak he was spiritually strong.

**Joel 3:10** Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: **let the weak say, I *am* strong.**

**2 Cor 12:9** And he said unto me, "My grace is sufficient for thee: **for my strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Heb 11:34** Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, **out of weakness were made strong,** waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Paul said,

“We walk by faith.”

**2 Cor 5:7** (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

**Heb 11:1** Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.**

The natural man will never grasp the spiritual principals of the spiritual man.

**Rom 8:7** Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

**1 Cor 2:14** But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:** for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

**1 Cor 2:11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

Only a spiritual man can have the insight necessary to know the real inner man. God's (Word) makeup is wisdom and revelation. The more we fellowship with God the more we will know about ourselves and others. We may think we need more counselors, however the greater need is numbers of prophetic ministers operating in the "word of knowledge, word of wisdom" and other gifts of the Holy Spirit that God's truth and faith can combat doubt and fear. These ministers need to work at anointed altars in spirit-filled churches not in little dark rooms where they hear the confession of secret sins.