

WE MAY BE CALLED

But are we....

# Chosen

"For many are called but few are chosen..."

NEITHER AS BEING LORDS OVER  
GOD'S HERITAGE  
BUT EXAMPLES...



We will only be chosen *after we are tested*  
*and found faithful*

(It is required in stewards that they be found *faithful*).

Even Jesus was tested before he was launched into ministry, but too many of *us* want to get ahead of God just because *we feel his calling* on our lives, and we resist the purifying, strengthening *testing* process that *all* who are called must submit to... if we are destined to be chosen.

Can we handle authority? Can we submit to authority? Are we willing to give up authority?

Or do we love material wealth, power, authority and the praise of man all too much?

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Will we be found faithful when incredible pressures are brought to bear upon us--when we feel we have reached the end of our mental, emotional, physical and spiritual ropes?

Will we be found faithful when men and women look up to us because of the anointing that *God* has given to us--when people become willing to give us honor and share their material blessings with us?

Or will we want to share (just a *little* bit) in God's glory and enjoy just a *little to much* the elevated status (and often material comforts) the praise of man brings?

Will we be like David, who refused to become a Hagar by refusing to stretch forth his hand to undermine the existing king's (Saul's) authority in any way - although he had already been anointed as the next king by the prophet?

Will we be like Jonathan, who was next in line to the throne of his father, Saul, but recognized the will of God concerning the future leadership of the nation- *and submitted to it?*

Or will we be like Saul, who spent his days tormented with fear, envy and rage at the prospect of losing his *position, power and praise of man* to David.

He spent his life demonically grasping at what **he already had** and *was not going to lose anyway* until he died!

All *we have* is assurance of eternal life and a calling to obedience and *servant-hood*. *No one* can displace us from where *God* has placed us. *No one* can prevent us from performing what *God* has called us to do

Unless we choose not to be chosen (by grasping pride, ambition and fear that God cannot work his will in our lives).

Saul was called, but because he *gloried in the praise of man and feared losing his position*, he rebelled. Because he chose not to trust God--he was not ultimately chosen.

Jesus was found faithful--He feared losing nothing. He grasped at nothing. He felt no need to sinfully prove himself to anyone.

Fear, pride and rebellion kept Saul from being chosen.

Faith, courage, integrity and humility on *both* David and Jonathan's parts brought David to the throne.

Not many are called to be Davids. All are called to be Jonathans (willing to give up his all).... but far too many--*choose to be like Saul*.

Pride, envy, ambition, a grasping need for power, authority, and fear of losing what we have has no place in the life of any Christian--particularly the Christian who is called to leadership.

If these things are found in us and we refuse to let them go....we may be called--but we will *never be chosen*.