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## **Trained Professionals**

### **1 Corinthians 1:27-29**

27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. (NIV)

What does it mean to be *successful*?

What standard for *success* are we to *follow*?

Is it *how high* one can climb the ladder at their job?

Is it *the amount of people* one has in their congregation?

Is it *the amount of degrees* we have behind our name?

Or even the amount of “*social influence*” one may have?

Who were the ones that were considered “*successful*” in the BIBLE?

Who were the ones who WERE NOT considered as such?

Amos the prophet was just a shepherd. A shepherd was an individual who was WITHOUT HIGH STATURE. Yet he confronted the leadership of Israel who led them astray...

### **Amos 6:1**

“Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!” (NIV)

The Lord is very much into using “NOBODIES” against the “SOMEBODIES”. *Think about it.* The disciples were uneducated men. Yet they stood up and opposed the Pharisee’s. The scholars of the day—You know, the guys who went to seminary and got a degree if you will.

### **Acts 4:13**

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. (NIV)

It was the UNSCHOOLED DISCIPLES WHO LEAD THE CHURCH, while the schooled Pharisees, the professionals of the day, lead God's people astray in their own righteousness that was passed down by TRADITION.

*Trained Professionals...*

I've heard of many Pastors scoffing at students of the Word when they differ with them. They normally respond with something like... *"You haven't even gone to school. How can you know anything deep about the Scriptures"?*

Oh, they may not say these EXACT words, but for many, they may as well.

Their attitude, (though polite as they may try) is condescending with what seems to be, an intent of elevating themselves, simply because they have a degree or diploma from a college or seminary. To which I politely respond with...

## **2 Corinthians 3:1**

*Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? (NIV)*

History has shown that it was the TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO REJECTED GOD'S WORD FROM THE PROPHETS. It was the TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO REJECTED GOD'S WORD FROM THE MESSIAH. And it was the TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO REJECTED GOD'S WORD FROM THE DISCIPLES. Is it any wonder that the trained professionals of the modern day, rejects God's Word from the everyday Layman?

As I've once heard said ... *"You don't have to be a professional to be a success. Amateurs started Apple and Google. Professionals built the Titanic."*

The "trained professionals" of the day have MANY people following them simply because of their POSITION, EDUCATION or even their CHARISMA.

It is truly our prayer that the TRAINED PROFESSIONALS OF THE DAY COME TO TRULY SEE THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD as it truly is... ETERNAL. Otherwise, they MAY soon find themselves as the "TRAINED PROFESSIONALS" mentioned in the Scriptures found themselves... UNDER JUDGMENT. Just a thought.

We hope you have enjoyed this study. Remember, *continue to test everything.*

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