

STEWARD MOMENT

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EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN STEWARD LEADERSHIP

Ephesians **2:10** ESV Bible - “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

There is a shaking up process that God must take us through in order for us to become the stewards, churches, communities, and the cities that God intends for us to be. I wish I could tell you that we can go from the cradle to the grave on a flowery bed of ease with no crosses to bear and no battles to fight. But the truth of the matter is, if God is going to make anything out of us, we must move forward in our faith walk for there is a shake it up process that God must take us through.

God can use people who do not possess a natural ability or a proper background. God can, and often chooses to work with raw material. God prepares and empowers those He chooses to do His work. He does not need to call people into leadership who have natural ability, training, or good models of leadership in their background. He does not need to use people who took part or who are already popular. Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don’t see many of “the brightest and the best” among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families. Isn’t it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses? He chooses these “nobodies” to expose the hollow pretensions of the “somebodies”. This makes it quite clear that none of us can get by with blowing our own horns before God. Everything that we have, right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start, comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. That’s why we have the saying, “If you’re going to blow a horn, blow a trumpet for God.” 1st Corinthians 1:26-31 MSG Bible.

The disciples, who went on to be founding leaders of the church, were fishermen and tax collectors. They were not highly educated or from influential families. Some had strongly driven personalities, but others did not. Be careful not to limit God. Take Him at His word when He says, “My grace is sufficient for you”, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2nd Corinthians 12:9).

God prepares those whom He calls. Jesus spent three years with the disciples to prepare them to be the early leaders of the church. But even still, before they were to go out on their own, they had to wait for the Holy Ghost to come upon them. God uses life experiences to mold and shape leaders. God uses life experiences to develop perspectives and passions essential to the capacity of leadership to which He calls. Be careful not to short-circuit this preparation time with impatience, God’s ways and timing are best.