**A Man Of God**

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Perfect = fresh, complete, fitted, having reference apparently to “special aptitude for given uses.”

1. Is not perfect.

Adam – no backbone

Noah – Alcohol

Moses – Murder, poor public speaker, Whiner

David – Adultery, Murder

Gideon – Afraid

Peter – Brash, Naked,

Paul – Murderer of Christians. Religious piety,

* These were some of the most noted men of God mentioned in the Bible.
* Their humanity was very evident.
* These men were not and did not proclaim to be perfect or Holy Men.
* Yet we know that they were great men of God.

1. Is chosen – None of these men had aspirations for the Ministry God called them to. They were chosen and hand picked by God.

* Only Paul had a religious background, and it was far from the teachings of Jesus.
* Several of their lives did not line up with the direction God was taking them.
  + David a sheepherder. Became King of Israel.
  + Gideon a farmer – Became the leader of a great army.
  + Peter a fisherman – Became the Preacher of Pentecost and Leading Apostle

1. Is forgiven for their Human Weaknesses’.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

1. Enabled and used by God for great advances to the Kingdom of God.

* When a man realizes and confesses his humanity and human weakness he can then be used of God.
* As long as someone thinks they do not need God, they cannot be used of God.
* Pride will stop the will of God quicker than anything.
* But once a person comes to a place of accepting their humanity, they can be healed and used greatly.

1. Is willing to stand up for what was right.

* When God spoke to them, they listened and did what He asked.
* Not ashamed of what other people thought of them.

1. Is willing to continue in their call even after they’ve made mistakes.
2. Has a heart for God.

Psalm 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

* Their hearts were tender to God’s voice.
* They were tough men, with soft hearts toward God.