

## 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.

2. 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 shepherd. 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

### 3. 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.**

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

### 6. Is willing to continue in their call even after they’ve made mistakes.

### 7. Has a heart for God.

**Psalms 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.