

GOD CHOOSES UNDERDOGS

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

I. God Chooses To Use Underdogs Because He Is Glorified (26)

²⁶ *NLT Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.*

- A. God Isn't Impressed With A Person's Intellect
- B. God Isn't Impressed With A Person's Influence
- C. God Isn't Impressed With A Person's Importance

II. God Undermines The Powerful With Underdogs Because He Is Sovereign (27-29)

²⁷ *Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.*

- A. By Choosing The Foolish, God Confronts Those Too Smart For God (27a)
- B. By Choosing The Weak, God Shames Those Too Great For God (27b)
- C. By Choosing The Lowly, No One Can Boast Greatness In God's Presence (28-29)

III. God Empowers The Underdog Because He Is Gracious (30-31)

³⁰ *God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.* ³¹ *Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord."*

- A. Christ Is The One Who Unites (30a)
- B. Christ Is The One Who Saves (30b)
- C. Christ Is The One Who Is Worshipped (31)

Conclusion:

1. **Be Saved In Christ** – Christ gave us our righteousness, sanctification and redemption.
2. **Be United In Christ** – Commit to functioning together for Christ's glory, not remaining outside for self-glory.
3. **Be Used For Christ** – God chooses to use you, not because of you, but because of Him. Our best "ability" is our "availability."



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