

“FROM A FRUITLESS NOBODY, TO A FRUITFUL SOMEBODY”

Selected Passages

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Dissatisfaction with how we were made: (See Isa. 45:9)
1. Our talents, physical characteristics, and giftedness: (Mt. 25:14-30)
 2. Pruning “new born” big person into little person by a great big God: (I Sam. 25:13, 21-22, 33; Jn. 3:30; 15:2)
 3. Our purpose, wisely and faithfully bearing “much fruit that remains”: (Jn. 15:8,16)
- B. How David is singled out as the logical O.T. illustration of this N.T. truth:
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Impactful teaching by placing opposites next to each other: (See Proverbs)
- 1.
 - 2.

II. CHOOSING THE INTERNALS OVER THE EXTERNALS (things we all can change): (I Tim. 4:8)

- A. Saul (a believer), the people's choice and why: (See Ps. 89:19; I Sam. 8:1-5; 10:9)
1. Majoring on the external qualities: (I Sam. 9:2)
 2. Minoring on the internal qualities:
 3. The object of the people's choice: (I Sam. 8:5-7)
 - a.
 - b.
 4. God's warning rejected: (I Sam. 8:9-19)
- B. David (a believer), God's choice and why: (I Sam. 16:1; Ps. 89:20)
1. Minoring on the external qualities: (I Sam. 16:12)
 2. Majoring on the internal qualities:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 3. The object of God's choice: (II Chron. 16:9)

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.