

I. He Wants An Unimpressive Pedigree (26) Ted Turner - “Christianity is a religion for losers.” He was right {Luke 9:24}

“For consider your calling...”

- A. Most Christians are not scholarly - “...not many of you were wise according to worldly standards...”**
- B. Most Christians are not self-sufficient - “...not many were powerful...”**
- C. Most Christians are not sophisticated - “...not many were of noble birth...”**

II. He Prefers An Undeserved Promotion (27-28)

A. God’s initiative (27a) - “But God chose...”

B. God’s instruments (27b-28a)

- 1. The foolish in the world**
- 2. The weak in the world**
- 3. The lowly & despised in the world**
- 4. The nothings in the world**

C. God’s intention (28)

- 1. To shame the wise**
- 2. To shame the strong**
- 3. To bring to nothing the established things of the world**

**God intentionally prioritizes for His kingdom the very people that the world-system rejects.
He confounds the world-system by overturning its values, its vision and its victors.**

III. He Holds To An Unwavering Purpose (29-31)

A. We must come to acknowledge our place (29) - “...so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.” Elevation, not degradation

B. We must come to know the source of our strength (30) - “He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” Christ is our: 1) Wisdom 2) Righteousness 3) Sanctification 4) Redemption

C. We must live to bring God glory (31) - “Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Isaiah 42:8 - “I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another...”

Isaiah 48:11 - “...I will not give my glory to another...”