

CALLING #3

Don't let your success be your downfall. Unfortunately, based on what the apostle Paul says in his first letter to the church at Corinth, most successful people make this mistake. Here is what he tells us in 1 Corinthians 1:26, "For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble."

As Paul makes this statement to these Christians, he uses the word calling to refer to their obedience to the call of the gospel which resulted in their salvation. He is pointing out the fact that very few of them were considered to be wise, mighty or noble by the standards of the world. Why was that so? The sad truth is that when someone is blessed with a great mind, a strong body or a position of power and influence, most of the time they misuse those abilities. Instead of honoring and serving God with them and bringing about their own salvation in the process, they give in to Satan's temptations to satisfy their own desires. They selfishly squander their resources and opportunities to do good and glorify the Lord, for the temporary pleasures and honors they can provide for themselves, eventually causing their own eternal downfall.

In contrast we must follow the example of the few, who gratefully acknowledge the grace of God in their lives and display their appreciation and love for Him by being faithful Christians in His service.