

Amos 7:14-15 (NLT)

But Amos replied, "I'm not one of your professional prophets. I certainly never trained to be one. I'm just a shepherd, and I take care of fig trees. But the LORD called me away from my flock and told me, 'Go and prophesy to my people in Israel.'"

Did you know that God will choose anyone to proclaim the gospel.
You don't have to be a college graduate and have a degree.
You don't have to go to seminary.
You don't have to wear the latest fashions.
You could be skinny or fat or in between.
You could be tall or short or average height.
You could be a cashier at a gas station or an executive in a law firm.
You can be a housewife, or a plumber.
You can be a garbage collector or a janitor.

Think of Amos here in the book of Amos, who was a normal man minding his own business doing his job as a shepherd and farmer when God called him into the ministry.

But God can do the same with you too. The question is, when He does call, will you be obedient? Sure you may not feel worthy. But that's a good thing, because as soon as you do think you are all that, then you are of no good to the kingdom of God, because in your mind, your work would be based upon your goodness and wisdom and not God's.

For me, God does a good job at keeping me humble, because I know all of these teachings that I do here are from Him and I will never be able to boast over any of it. I don't have a degree, and I didn't get a GED until I was in my early 50's, and I was teaching His word before I even got that.

When God calls you, it will be because you realize that you are worthless without Him working through you. So I will ask you the same question to end today's devotional: When God does call you, will you be obedient?

If you say yes, then don't worry that you aren't good enough or smart enough or wise enough, because you're not. It will be all because of His wisdom and ability working through you, and God will receive the glory and you will never be able to boast because of what you think you did.

† ***Isaiah 10:15 Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it? Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it? As if a rod could wield itself against those who lift it up, Or as if a staff could lift up, as if it were not wood!***