

Using the Ordinary

Do you have the notion that you are not “good enough” to be a hero for God? Many people think that way. They have great potential and ability, but they do not believe they can make significant contributions to God’s kingdom.

We must understand that God does not choose “superstars” – the proud and the mighty – to do His best work; He empowers humble, ordinary people. The Bible definitely teaches this principle. Phil Taylor, who directs the mission work of the Bradley Baptist Association in Cleveland, advises: The next time you feel that God cannot use you for an important matter, just remember ...

- Abraham was too old.
- Isaac was a daydreamer.
- Jacob was a liar.
- Leah was ugly.
- Joseph was abused.
- Moses couldn’t talk.
- Gideon was afraid.
- Sampson had long hair, and was a womanizer.
- Rahab was a prostitute.
- Jeremiah and Timothy were too young.
- David had an affair and was a murderer.
- Elijah was suicidal.
- Isaiah preached naked.
- Jonah ran from God.
- Naomi was a widow.
- Job went bankrupt.
- John the Baptist ate bugs.
- Peter denied Christ.
- The disciples fell asleep while praying.
- Martha worried about everything.
- Mary Magdalene was demon-possessed.
- The Samaritan Woman was divorced – more than once.
- Zaccheus was too small.
- Paul was too religious.
- Timothy had an ulcer.
- Lazarus was dead.

The lesson, then, is clear: No more excuses. In spite of whatever failures or shortcomings you may have, God is waiting to use your full potential.

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