

HOW DO YOU EVALUATE PEOPLE? 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

The word “evaluate” is built on the root _____ : How do you e-value-ate people—decide what they are worth?
A related, but much more important question is the point of 1 Cor.1:26-31: How does _____ e-value-ate people?

I. GOD’S EVALUATION TURNS THE _____ VALUE SYSTEM ON ITS HEAD 1:26-28

A. Those God Did Not Call 1:26

1) “Not many _____ according to the flesh”

- a) The Greco-Roman culture greatly valued wisdom—philosophers and philosophy, love of _____
- b) Vv.18-25 teach that many in the Corinthian _____ evaluated people according to these values
- c) Paul told them to look around their own church! God had not called & saved many _____

2) “Not many mighty” or _____ , the adjective form of the word that Paul used in vv.18 & 24

When we think of power in society today, we think in terms of government, military and _____

3) “Not many noble”—the word in the original language literally means _____

In the ancient world, those born to the upper classes did no physical _____; it was beneath them

B. Those God Has Chosen 1:27-28

1) “God has chosen the _____ things of the world to put to shame the wise”

- a) Who is foolish according to the world’s value system? _____
- b) God chooses to save the foolish for the purpose of putting to _____ the worldly wise
- c) The NT uses the phrase “put to shame” of ultimate and eternal shame—condemnation to _____

2) “God has chosen the _____ things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty”

- a) “Weak things” is often translated _____ , literally “without strength”—here it means without power
- b) This word includes _____ who made up 1/3 of society in that day, many of them in the church

3) “The _____ things, the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not”

- a) The word translated “base” literally means “without _____ “—having no family that gives status
- b) God chose nobodies, nothings, zeroes! God chose _____ in order to zero out the positives

II. GOD IS DETERMINED THAT MEN _____ IN NOTHING ... BUT HIM! 1:29 & 31

A. God Is Determined That No Human Being Will _____ Before His Face

- 1) Those who reject His Son in pride and self-dependence He will put to shame in an eternal _____
- 2) Those He chooses to save must admit that they are fools, powerless and _____ in His eyes

B. God Directs Us to Boast in the _____ Alone

- 1) Rather than glory in our own wisdom, power or status, we glory in Christ: He is our _____ (v.30)
- 2) We must evaluate ourselves in this same way: we must reject the modern gospel of _____

A FINAL APPLICATION TO THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION—how and who God saves

A. In the matter of salvation, God _____ who will be saved

B. In the matter of salvation, God is determined that no human being should _____ in His presence

C. Therefore, God sovereignly _____ those who will be saved so that God alone gets the glory