

Disqualified

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2 Timothy 2:5 (TLB)

⁵ Follow the Lord's rules for doing his work, just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize.

The fear of humiliation along with a sense of inadequacy will inevitably lead to choirs of excuses.

1. HUMILIATION

Psalm 136:23 (HCSB)

²³ He remembered us in our humiliation His love is eternal.

Webster's Simple Definition of humiliate: to make (someone) feel very ashamed or foolish.

God will humble his children but not humiliate his children!

God sees our humiliation and responds.

Genesis 29:32 (AMP)

³² And Leah became pregnant and bore a son and named him Reuben [See, a son!]; for she said, Because the Lord has seen my humiliation and affliction; now my husband will love me.

Proverbs 29:23 (NJB)

²³ Pride brings humiliation, whoever humbles himself will win honour.

Humiliation of Christ

(Phil. 2:8), seen in:

- (1) his birth (**Gal. 4:4; Luke 2:7; John 1:46; Heb. 2:9**),
- (2) his circumstances,
- (3) his reputation (**Isa. 53; Matt. 26:59,67; Ps. 22:6; Matt. 26:68**),
- (4) his soul (**Ps. 22:1; Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 22:44; Heb. 2:17,18; 4:15**),
- (5) his death (**Luke 23; John 19; Mark 15:24,25**),
- (6) and his burial (**Isaiah 53:9; Matt. 27:57,58, 60**).

His humiliation was necessary:

- (1) to execute the purpose of God (**Acts 2:23,24; Ps. 40:6-8**),
- (2) fulfill the Old Testament types and prophecies,
- (3) satisfy the law in the room of the guilty (**Isa. 53; Heb. 9:12,15**), procure for them eternal redemption,
- (4) and to show us an example.

Encyclopedia of Bible Facts.

Romans 15:3 (NIV)

³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

2. INADEQUACY

2 Corinthians 3:5 (NLT)

⁵ *It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.*

Your sense of not being qualified may be the very quality that qualifies you before God. God's power is made perfect in our weakness.

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV)

¹² *For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

Romans 12:3 (NKJV)

³ *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?"
Rabbi Hillel—Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14

3. EXCUSES

Proverbs 22:13 (TLB)

*The lazy man is full of excuses. "I can't go to work!" he says.
"If I go outside, I might meet a lion in the street and be killed!"*

Moses had about 5 excuses in Exodus 3—

*"You don't know what You are doing in calling someone like me."
"They are going to question me."
"Lord, why should anybody listen to me. I'm a nobody."
"Lord, I don't have what it takes."
"Send someone else...anybody but me."*

HOW TO GET AND STAY QUALIFIED

1. Own It! Take responsibility where and when you can. Ask for forgiveness then receive it or grant it to others.
2. Lighten Up! Your only human! Give yourself permission to fail —your not the first to experience this and won't be the last. One moment or one event doesn't define you...it can refine you!
3. Accept It! God's Approval is all that matters not mans. Forget It! Paul said "forgetting those things which are behind..."
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