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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Be Yourself

When I was called to the ministry, I ran faster than ever before! To know and to do what God was asking of me, was the very last thing on my mind. Fear was a big factor. First I had to change that incorrect lifestyle, then I was concerned how others would perceive me. By the time I decided to accept my calling, I ask myself, "How do I give the Lord my best without messing things up?" My brothers and sisters do you find yourself discouraged because you don't pray like others or do you find yourself trying to imitate? Do you find yourself trying to speak (minister) like others? Only to find out that the words you are using have been spoken incorrectly? Or do you find yourself trying to imitate someone who has some type of degree / certificate and therefore you feel that you are not as intelligent as they are? My brothers and sisters, don't be discouraged or ashamed, but always "[Be Yourself](#)."

We are not the first people to experience such insecurities. The bible tells us that Moses claimed he had a speech impediment ([Exodus 4:10](#)). Moses also made many excuses to keep from doing God's work ([Exodus 3:10-22; 4:1-17](#)). But God told him that He would be with him at all times and He would tell him what to say. God told Ezekiel to eternalize His words of truth for himself and then preach it ([Ezekiel 3:1-7](#)). In [Ezekiel 3:24](#), you will discover that the Spirit was controlling the prophet. The prophet Jeremiah was called by God and God commissioned him to do His will ([Jeremiah 1:1-10](#)). God was there for all of them!

My brothers and sisters, we don't have to be like anyone else. This is not entertainment or in fact, any other type show! It is all about God. It is His glory and He utilizes us to get His message across. Prayer is simply conversation. Think of how we converse over the telephone or maybe person to person. Note: (Gossip or ungodly language should not be involved at anytime)! Instructions for prayer can be found in [Matthew 6:5-14](#).

Have you been called to preach? The prophets were called to preach! The disciples were called to preach! The apostles were called to preach! God is not interested in people who want tiles or popularity! Doing the work of God has no room for popularity. Paul said it best in [1 Corinthians 1:17](#) NASB – (17) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, [not in cleverness of speech](#), so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. There are some who can preach and/or teach with greatness, but we are not called to compete! It is simply getting God's message across. To do this we must be Spirit led. Many sit and listen to the words being spoken, but they follow the speaker instead of God who is speaking through the individual. If one speaks (intentionally) contrary to God's teachings, then it isn't God speaking. My brothers and sisters, many are lost because we don't want to do God's work. Let's step up to the plate and remember always "[Be Yourself](#)" in Christ! [Amen](#).

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 1:1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is wise to walk with someone who knows the way.

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