

*Many are willing to be used yet
unwilling to be prepared for use*

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How would you like to be a doctor, an astronaut, a research scientist, or a great athlete? Perhaps you could be and maybe you should be. However, you will fail to be if you fail to *prepare* to be. In almost every discipline of life we can find people who are willing to be used for some great purpose, however, fewer people are willing to spend the time, resources, and effort necessary to properly prepare themselves for that great use. This explains the scripture which says many are called but few are chosen.

The difference between those who are called and those who are chosen could simply be preparation. We would not think of allowing a brain surgeon to operate on us or our children if they had no training, no preparation, no oversight, or supervised experience, and yet we who deal with the eternal affairs of the soul, although willing to be used by God are, at times, unwilling to spend the time, resources, and effort necessary to be prepared for that use. Decide today that you are going to be more than called of God ... submit to and invest in this season of preparation so that you can be used in a greater way.

Prayer for Today

God, help me gladly welcome the call to be prepared for my life's purpose as warmly as I embrace the thrill of being used. I gladly submit to the preparation for the purpose to which You have called me. Use others, according to Your Word and plan, to equip me for my life's work.

Scriptures for Today

Ephesians 4:11-13 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (NKJV)