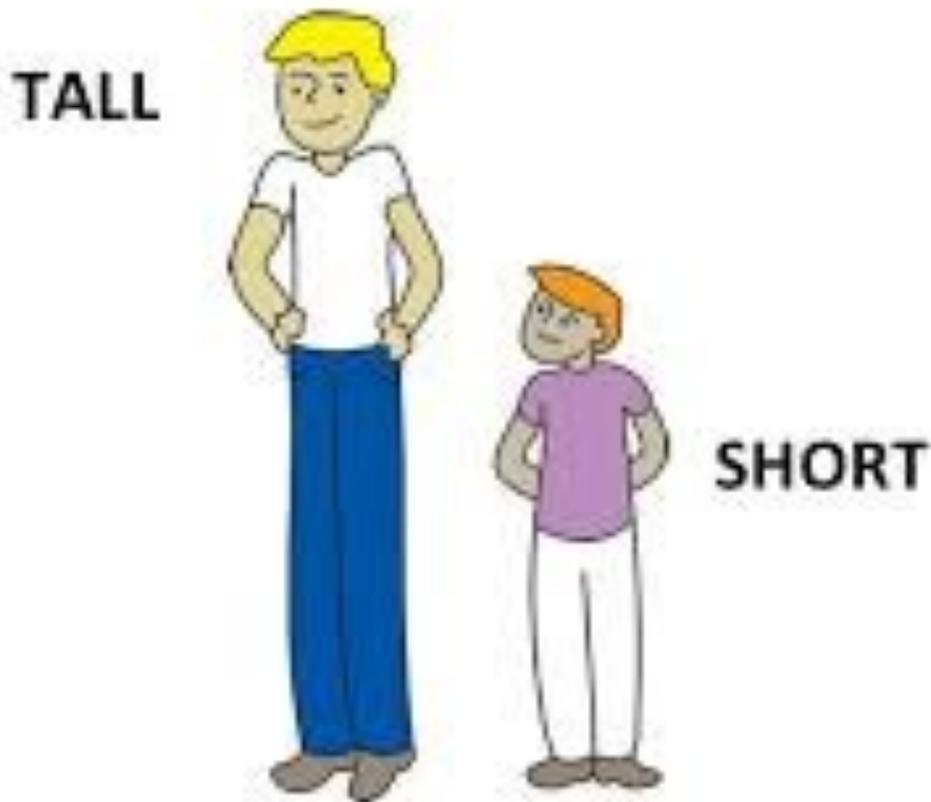


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**Sermon No 15**

**Don't Sell Yourself Short**



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B&S The sermon I will be bring to you is titled.

**Don't sell yourself short My Bible reading is taken from 1 Corinthians Ch1 v26-29.**

Now don't sell yourself short think. In other words don't be filling yourself with the I Cant's. I can't do this, I cant do that, I Can't do the other thing, don't be putting yourself down, don't be lessening yourself. Men and women who are here, who are born again are Princesses and Princes your Father is a King and He is the King of all kings and you are His daughter, and you are His son and that makes you a prince. You have a lot going for you, a lot. Those verses in 1 Corinthians Ch1 Verses 26-29 And the title **Don't Sell Yourself Short** read like this.

*Think of what you were when you were called.*

*Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.*

***But God*** chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things and the things that are not to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him . Amen

B&S have you ever heard the phrase Common Eights? Awk, he's just a common 8. You see this is what I call people like this, just ordinary everyday simple people.

Jesus Christ He had no time for the high and mighty for the ones that were proud and full of themselves for the higher achy people. In Proverbs Ch16v5 It says.

*Everyone proud in heart is an abomination unto the Lord*

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When you think of Caiaphas the high priest who thought that he was something, think of Pontius Pilate the governor who thought he was something as well.

And you think of King Herod who thought he was all power and thought he was something. But those were the ones that interrogated our Lord. **Jesus Loved Them.**

He loves you, He love me, so B&S Don't you sell yourself short. If you think that you don't know much about Him. He knows all there is about you and that is what matters.

You see there are people who are self righteous and they look down on everyone. They think that they are the Bees-Knees, they think that they have got it right, they think , I pray. I fast, I read my Bible, God certainly knows me. It was a good day when God saved me.

B&S Jesus told a parable about such a person in Luke Ch 18v10. It says that two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee the other a Tax Collector

The Pharisee stood a far off and he prayed by himself.

Lord I am glad that I am not like other men, Extortioners, unjust, adulator's, or even like that tax collector.

Lord I fast twice a week, Lord I give tithes of all of my possessions . Big Deal that Pharisee is really full of himself brothers and sisters. The little tax collector, he stands afar off feeling ashamed within himself of his past life, thinking of what he had done, the life that he had led, so much so that he doesn't even feel worthy enough to lift his head or his eyes up to Heaven, and he simply prays, *God be merciful to me a sinner* his confession.

### **God be merciful to me a sinner.**

Remember the thief on the Cross? Lord Remember me when You come in to Your kingdom. Do you see here B&S who found the favour with God? It was the Publican, the tax collector, the humble man, the one who felt ashamed of himself. B&S Here is a question. Who found who? Did you choose God or did God choose you?

Don't think because you cannot quote Bible verses that you are not as good a Christian as someone who can. And don't think because you can't pray that God doesn't hear you, He does, He knows your mental state, He knows your thinking, He knows what is in your mind, He knows what is in your heart, He sees your tears And don't think that because you don't read you Bible that God will hold some special blessings back from you, He won't. He knows your difficulties. It was He who chose you. Now B&S Don't get me wrong here. I am not telling you not to do those things.

I would encourage you for to read your Bible, for to pray, for to sing praises unto Him, Don't be a lazy slothful Christian. If you can pray then by all means you pray to Him, If you can read your Bible then listen, read it every day and if you can memorise scriptures then you memorise scriptures. But there are brothers and there are sisters who are just called simply in their own simple way just to serve Him. They find it difficult to do certain things. But **B&S** God Loves Them and He loves You. **Don't Sell Yourself Short**, don't put yourself down, don't beat yourself up. Remember Peter? Peter was an experienced fisherman, and the Bible says that he had been fishing all night, he had been brought up fishing the sea of Galilee. He knew all there was to catch fish. He had ben fishing all night long and caught nothing. Now at this particular time the multitudes, the people were following Jesus. The crowd was so vast and he was on the shore and he said to Peter, would you lend Me your wee boat that I may go out into the water, to stand up in the boat and preach to all the people on the shore line. And He is preaching away to them, and afterward he said to Peter. Now Peter push your wee boat out into the deep and put down your net for a cath. Now what was in Peters mind at that time? I'm an experienced fisherman. I have been fishing them seas all night long and it's easier to catch fish at nigh time than what it is during the day.

And here is this Holy man, this Carpenter, this Jesus telling me to push out into the deep and put down my nets for a catch, they may have been in his thoughts, but that was not what he said outwardly, but he could have been thinking like that. But what he done was obedient. He did what Jesus told him, he pushed out into the deep and put down his nets for a catch and what a catch he got. Peter was now humbled, and he seen Jesus in a different light. He now sees the sinfulness of himself in comparison to Jesus so much so that he says, *Get away from me Lord for I am a sinful man* **WOW that was words** Go away from me Lord for I am a sinful man.

B&S The truth is we are all sinful men and women. Do you remember that saying, There Go I But For The Grace Of God? Many of us can paint that in to our own heart, there go I but for the grace of God I done that, I was like him, God changed me, that's what we are B&S Sinners saved by God's loving Grace. Amen

**Don't you sell yourself short.** Don't underestimate yourself, *For God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.* Now He didn't choose the big smart brains, the know all's. Many of the Pharisees they tried to trick Him, throwing little religious questions at Him. But you see they forgot He's Sovereign and He knows it all. Only He knows it all and He knew what was in their hearts.

B&S If it was possible for you to have a brain much bigger than the worlds greatest computer. Now let's say that the worlds greatest computer could memorise every book in in the world in all the library's, every book in every shop in every library all over the world, no matter if it is written about Space, Marine Life, Gardens, Composers, Painting, or whatever the subject is you know it all, you can memorise all of those books you know them all, every book all over the world in every library on every shelf and your brain knows them all. You see if you have a brain like that, you still live next door to nothing when it comes to Him. You are still compared as being stupid in comparison to Him, It is only God who knows it all. Some people think when they die and they go to Heaven they will know it all, you won't B&S, you will be enlightened and know much, much, more but when you go to be with Him in Heaven He will still be God and only He knows it all.

God chose the simple folk, the fishermen, the tax collectors, Jesus Himself was a carpenter and His Father Joseph he was a carpenter, was that to shame the wise? You see you might be thinking I do nothing for the Lord in comparison to such a brother or such a sister.

Let me tell you B&S **Neither do I.**

There has been many great men greatly used by the Lord Men like DL Moody, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the Billy Graham, the Martin Lloyd Jones, the. David Wilkerson

Now these men great and all as they were, they never knew it all, they didn't know all the scriptures, they couldn't quote all the scriptures, and hard and all as they may have worked for the Saviour at the end of their life, at the end of their day on their deathbed they would have said **I have done nothing for the Lord.**

We call them spiritual giants, but the Lord says *I have chosen the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*

It is God who chooses the Gideon's to deliver the Israelite Lord my tribe is the least in Israel, and I am the least in my tribe. And God said to Gideon you will be a mighty man of valour. It is God who chooses a shepherd boy called David to slay the giants. It is God who chooses a man with faltering lips to deliver His people out of Egypt B&S God doesn't need you to do great things.

He uses the one whose heart belongs to Him.

A clean pure heart. Wee Annie Duncan, Pastor Davey Duncan's wife used to always say to my wife Jean She said Jean always keep your heart clean, and my wife has always held on to that. B&S Paul said in

1 Corinthians Ch6v11 And such were some of you, but you are washed, you are sanctified, you are justified in the name of our Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. Now really B&S That was quite a statement from the Apostil Paul considering that Paul was speaking to a group of people which included once upon a time.

Idolaters, Perverts, Thieves, Drunkards, Robbers but when washed clean Christians become better people.

Sin no longer dominates their life. What has He done for you.? **Don't Sell Yourself Short.** You know what He has done for you, you know that you are not the same person, you know that you are a new creation, this is what He has done for me and He has also done the same thing for you. *He has restored unto me all the years that the Locus have eaten.* I now know Him to be as my Saviour, I have learnt to love Him more and more, more than anything. I love to talk to Him daily, I love to sing unto Him, to praise Him, I love to just know that He has never left me and He never will, I don't struggle to eat for to survive, But years ago B&S what I couldn't get out of a bottle of vodka I get out of Him, He has changed me and supplies all my needs so **Don't You Sell Yourself Short** He did leave us this lovely book the Holy Bible.

So do read it to be wise and believe it to be saved, obey it to be holy, love it's Author-**Love it's Author.**

The person who said there is no God is called a fool not you. You see B&S you made a wonderful decision when you committed your life to Jesus Christ. Serve Him as your Saviour so **Don't You Sell Yourself Short. Amen**

# ***The Little Church Hall***

*I sat at the back of the little church hall  
Not knowing just why I was there  
I could have been drinking a pint at the pub  
Feeling good in my own special chair  
But instead here I was in a little church hall  
With people I just didn't know  
I was hoping the Pastor would hurry it up  
And then I could get up and go  
When a soft, soothing voice, in the back of my mind  
Compelled me to stay in my seat  
The voice seemed to calm me and set me at ease  
It told me I'd someone to meet  
The Pastor told stories of Jesus  
How He died just for people like me  
I saw in these stories a love for the world  
Yes, that even a drunkard could see  
At last I was hearing of someone who cared  
Who was willing to wash out my sin  
If the good Lord was willing to open the door  
Then, I'd run all the way to get in.*

***Jim Smyth***