

“Be Honest With Yourself About Yourself”

Exodus 4:13

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Introduction: One of the lessons we learn from the life of Moses is to be honest with ourselves. Many people know thousands of people, yet do not know themselves. We try to understand other people, yet we often do not understand ourselves.

Steps To Understanding Yourself:

Step one is to accept the fact that you are human and will make mistakes.

- Moses is a good example.
- He was guilty of murder (Exodus 2:11-12).
- He blamed God for things (Numbers 11:11-15).
- He disobeyed God (Numbers 20:7-12).

Illustration: Yet the Bible calls Moses a friend of God (Exodus 33:11) and says that Moses was the most humble person on the earth (Numbers 12:3).

Step two is to accept the fact that even though you are human and will make mistakes, God will still use you.

- God used Moses because of His faith.
- Moses had “Red Sea Faith” (Exodus 14:10-14).
- Moses had “Red Sea Obedience” (Exodus 14:21).

Illustration: No person who ever lived was more human and made more mistakes when it comes to God than the apostle Paul. He was Christianity’s number one

enemy and he became Christianity's number one friend. Another person God used who was human and made mistakes was Peter.

Application: Many people believe if you make mistakes before you are saved that after you are saved God will and can use you. We learn this from Paul. Many other people believe while that is true, but if you make mistakes after you are saved that it eliminates you for being used by God. Peter is a good example why this is not true. Repent of your mistakes, put them under the blood of Jesus and God will use you just like he used Paul and Peter.

Step three is to be honest with yourself and with God about yourself.

- We see this in our text (Exodus 4:13).
- But Moses did not start there. He played the excuse game.

Illustration: Moses first told God that he was not qualified (Exodus 3:10-11). Then he told God he would not know God's name (Exodus 3:13). Then he said the people would probably not believe him (Exodus 4:1). Then he told God he was not good with words (Exodus 4:10). At this point Moses had run out of excuses and had to admit the truth about himself (Exodus 4:13).

Application: When God tells us to do things, we like Moses make excuses. When we do, we are not being honest with ourselves or with God about ourselves. When we are honest with ourselves and with God about ourselves, many times we will just have to admit that we just do not want to do it what God says. It will be one of the best things you will ever do.

Conclusion: What helps me be honest with myself and with God are my ten verses I read and pray over each morning. I have the verses in the order I need them. It prepares me for the day spiritually. You may not need ten verses to prepare for the day, but you need some verses. Let the Holy Spirit lead you to the verses God has for you for now and begin each day with them.