



## The Man or Woman God Uses!

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Text: Acts 6:8-15

**Passage Summary:** When God's Kingdom advances through the proclamation of the gospel message, you can be sure that Satan will do all that he can throughout the generations to \_\_\_\_\_ those whom God is \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that when opposition comes, you don't need to be a big \_\_\_\_\_ to be used by God in a big \_\_\_\_\_ for the fulfillment of His purposes! (6:8-15)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to the man or woman God uses, know the importance of...

- Living a \_\_\_\_\_ filled \_\_\_\_\_! (v.8)

### Cooperating with the Holy Spirit for the Filling of the Holy Spirit

\_\_\_\_\_ to self: Laying down our rights and agendas to serve God

\_\_\_\_\_ in the grace and knowledge of Jesus: Steady diet of God's Word, prayer, and the fellowship of believers!

\_\_\_\_\_ for God: Obedience to His commands!

\_\_\_\_\_ short accounts: Confession and repentance as the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin!

**Remember:** When it comes to the Spirit filled life, a little \_\_\_\_\_ goes a \_\_\_\_\_ way; so stop resisting the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, and watch God transform you into a powerful witness for Jesus today!

- Being \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ things! (v.8-15)

### When opposition to our ministry of the Gospel comes, it will often involve...

\_\_\_\_\_ the truth: We have the Spirit of Truth and we stand on the side of truth!

\_\_\_\_\_ the truth: Context, context, context!

**Remember:** When it comes to the man or woman God uses, don't \_\_\_\_\_ the significance of what God has called you to do today, for through your \_\_\_\_\_. He may very well be preparing you for an even greater work tomorrow!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine to be a Spirit filled \_\_\_\_\_ in our generation, being just simple enough to \_\_\_\_\_ that...

*"God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this 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.*

**1 Corinthians 1:27-29**

*"So here is Stephen. It's obvious he was qualified for more than just waiting tables, but he did that job faithfully. And now God has raised him up to greater areas of ministry. Though we may be called by God to serve in an obscure place, it doesn't mean we will remain in obscurity forever. If you find yourself serving what could be termed an 'apprenticeship', learn all that God has for you there. Work diligently. And as you apply what you're learning and continue in diligence, God will raise you to greater responsibilities."*

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