

(Un)Qualified - September 11, 2016
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1. We qualify people based on two things:

- **Character – who we are.**
- **Competency – what we do.**

Don't be nitpickers; use your head—and heart!—to discern what is right, to test what is authentically right.”

John 7:24 (MSG)

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7 (NASB)

2. Who we are determines what we do.

Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

1 Corinthians 3:12-13 (NASB)

Church helpers must also have a good character and be sincere; they must not drink too much wine or be greedy for money; they should hold to the revealed truth of the faith with a clear conscience. They should be tested first, and then, if they pass the test, they are to serve.

1 Timothy 3:8-10 (GNT)

3. God can't bless who you pretend to be.

Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.”

Genesis 27:21 (NASB)

4. God wants to overrule our limitations and trump our qualifications.

Now the God of peace... equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:21 (NASB)

For I know what I have planned for you,' says the LORD. 'I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope. When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul, I will make myself available to you,' says the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NET)

5. Peace and confidence come through one thing: Acceptance.

- **God's acceptance of you.**
- **Your acceptance of yourself, including your weaknesses**
- **Your acceptance of God's process of change.**

But who are you, my friend, to talk back to God? A clay pot does not ask the man who made it, “Why did you make me like this?”

Romans 9:20 (GNT)

You guided my conception and formed me in the womb.

Job 10:10 (NLT)

Announcements:

** Connect 1.0 and 2.0 tonight at 5:00 PM. Visit the New Here Table today to get directions. Dinner and Childcare Provided.

** Today is Life Group Uplink. Check out all the different ways you can get connected in the lobby directly following the service.

** Beach Baptism and Cookout – Sunday, September 25th at Manasota Beach at 5:00 PM.