



Are You A Talking Tool?

Interactive Outline

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Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

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Out of all the years of using tools to complete jobs around the house I have never had one look up at me after using it and hear it say, "Aren't you glad you bought me? Didn't I make that job so much easier?" I have never heard my shovel say, "Look at what a deep hole I just dug," or my saw say "Look at what a straight cut I just made." Yet, I am afraid that those of us being used as "tools" in service to God often like to tell God and everyone how great of a job we are doing. Being too prideful of oneself is a horrible and sinful trait that we must constantly guard against.

Keys to a proper mindset:

- 1) Remember Where Your Talents Come From.
- 2) Positive Results Come To The Obedient.

1) A Talking Tool Is:

- A. Foolish** (2 Corinthians 12:6)
- B. Not Profitable** (2 Corinthians 12:1; 11:23-27; Matthew 16:4)
- C. Self Serving** (2 Corinthians 12:6(b), 2-3,5; Ephesians 1:3)

Notes:

2) The Humble Disciple Is:

- A. Wise** (2 Corinthians 12:6)
 - 1) In whom he glories in (2 Cor. 10:17-18)
 - *"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.."* (1 Timothy 1:15 - NKJV)
 - 2) Focusing on the enemy (2 Corinthians 10:7, 3-6; Ephesians 6:12)
- B. A Worker Who Serves Others** (2 Corinthians 12:6)
 - 1) Without Expecting Something In Return (2 Corinthians 11:7-9, 12:15)
 - 2) Without Needing Praise (Matthew 6:2-4)
 - 3) Places God First (Matthew 6:5-6)

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