

## YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES—1

### YOU AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH

#### YOU WILL NEVER BE GOOD ENOUGH

Abraham: I am nothing but dust and ashes... Gen. 18:27  
Isaiah: I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips... Isa 6:5  
Peter: Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man! Luke 5:8  
Paul: and I was the worst of them all. 1 Tim 1:16

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... Rom 3:23

#### THE PERFORMANCE TRAP

*Yet I could have confidence in myself if anyone could. If others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! <sup>5</sup> For I was circumcised when I was eight days old, having been born into a pure-blooded Jewish family that is a branch of the tribe of Benjamin. So I am a real Jew if there ever was one! What's more, I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. <sup>6</sup> And zealous? Yes, in fact, I harshly persecuted the church. And I obeyed the Jewish law so carefully that I was never accused of any fault. Phil 3:4-6 NLT*

- OUR ATTEMPT TO PLEASE GOD BY FOLLOWING \_\_\_\_\_.
- MY WORTH IS BASED ON WHAT I \_\_\_\_\_ AND HOW I \_\_\_\_\_.

## OUR WORKS ARE RUBBISH

*But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. Phil 3:7-9*

skubala (skoo'-bal-a); what is thrown to the dogs, excrement, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### BUT WHEN GOD!

But when God...called me by his grace...to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles...Gal. 1:15-16

*They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup> And they praised God because of me. Gal. 1:23-24*

- WHEN I REALIZE THAT GOD ACCEPTS ME THROUGH CHRIST, I AM NO LONGER LIVING \_\_\_\_\_ HIS APPROVAL BUT \_\_\_\_\_ HIS APPROVAL.