

He is greatly used of the Lord as was Balaam's ass was in turning Balaam away from the path he was determined to go, and leading Balaam to determine as he went to stand true to what the Lord ordered him to do. The result was Balaam did not turn back as the Lord told him to, nevertheless he went ahead and stuck to the Word of God and therefore gained no glory but only suffering for it. Balaam's ass was God's messenger.

God may use one who has very little training, as he used Balaam's ass. But this is rare. You look at the great work they were thoroughly trained for his work. David had many years of training in various activities, before he began his great work for God. The Apostle Paul thoroughly educated, trained in all the wisdom of the day before he began his great work, for God.

When you look at church history there's no name in ancient church history more revered than that of St. Augustine. Augustine was thoroughly trained in the wisdom of Greece and Rome, before he began the great work to which God called him. Martin Luther was one of the most highly educated men in Germany. When Luther was hidden in the Wartburg from the Emperor to destroy him and decided to go back to Wittenburg where all sorts of crises were developing that only M. Luther's hand could help, he dressed as a knight and started out because he had to go through the territory that was Duke George's who was a fanatical Romanist and would have liked to destroy him.

Having to go through that territory he dressed as a knight so he wouldn't be conspicuous. On the way he stopped at an inn for dinner. The innkeeper noticed he was reading a book and he thought it strange for a knight to be reading a book! He sat waiting for his dinner and was reading this book. So the waiter whispered to the waiter and said Glance at what he is looking at. She glanced and said it's some queer marks on the paper; I don't understand what they are. The only thing I've seen that looks at all like it is the marks on the Synagogue roll. And M. Luther was sitting there reading his Hebrew Bible! The marvel is that that didn't give him away because it would be hard to imagine a knight reading a Hebrew Bible!

The Bible says In thy law will I meditate day and night. Luther was thoroughly trained and he was constantly studying to improve himself and advance himself.

John Calvin was thoroughly educated before he began his great work. John Wesley was a Fellow of Oxford U. and highly educated before he began working that work which for some centuries produced some of the great leaders of God's people throughout the world. Unfortunately today most of those belong to the organization that followed and were founded by Wesley but have departed far from the teachings of the Bible which Wesley followed thoroughly. We read about D. L. Moody who had little education and he did a tremendous work throughout the world. But when Moody selected somebody to work alongside of him and to carry on his work after he was gone he chose R. A. Torrey, a graduate of Yale; one who had studied in Germany and was thoroughly educated and trained.