

Once you choose the right things to put in your hand, God can use you.

God's power over what's in our hand(s)

A staff in Moses' hands (It became "the staff of God"! Ex. 4:20)

With a shepherd's stick, Moses and Aaron did great things: When Pharaoh asked them to prove themselves by working a miracle, they changed a staff into a serpent – which swallowed up the serpents of the Egyptian magicians – and back to a staff again. (Ex. 7) They turned the waters of Egypt to blood. (Ex. 7) They summoned the plagues of frogs and gnats (Ex. 8) and of hail (Ex. 9) and locusts (Ex. 10). And as if turning the Nile River to blood weren't enough, Moses parted the Red Sea with that staff! (Ex. 14) In Ex. 17, when the Israelites grumbled and tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us, or not?" Moses struck a boulder in the Arabian desert and water gushed out to give life to millions of people and their livestock. In that same chapter, Moses also held that staff high to give Israel military victory over Amalek.

A Bible in Apollos' hands (It was the word of God!)

Acts 18:24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent ("mighty" NKJV, Gk., <dunatos>) in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

YOU can be fervent in spirit.

Apollos had **practiced** and had **become skillful** with the word, the same as David had practiced with his sling before he picked up the 5 stones to face Goliath. Timothy was told to

Do [his] best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. – 2 Tim 2:15

We are all to "all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" so as to "no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine...." Eph 4:14

YOU can be competent in the Scriptures, instructed in the way of the Lord. You can show from the scriptures that the Christ was Jesus. If you need help, ASK!

You may not have a chance for public debate, but you need to be able to help those who have believed, and teach your friends and, Lord willing, your children.

A child in the hands of Lois and Eunice (He became a servant of God.)

That child grew up to be Timothy (who helped the apostle Paul and who also preached, himself). **2 Timothy 1:5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

God can take over the small things in our hands and with them do great things.