

1 Samuel 9:1-2 NLT

There was a wealthy, influential man named Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, of the tribe of Benjamin. His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land.

1 Samuel 10:24 NIV

Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people." Then the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

False humility undermines genuine potential!

How to undermine your God-give potential in 3 easy steps:

Step 1: Downplay your advantages

1 Samuel 9:21 NLT

Saul replied, "But I'm only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe! Why are you talking like this to me?"

Step 2: Dismiss God's signs

1 Samuel 10:13-16 NIV

After Saul stopped prophesying, he went to the high place. Now Saul's uncle asked him and his servant, "Where have you been?" "Looking for the donkeys," he said. "But when we saw they were not to be found, we went to Samuel." Saul's uncle said, "Tell me what Samuel said to you." Saul replied, "He assured us that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell his uncle what Samuel had said about the kingship.

Step 3: Dodge responsibility

1 Samuel 10:21-22 NLT

Then he brought each family of the tribe of Benjamin before the Lord, and the family of the Matrites was chosen. And finally Saul son of Kish was chosen from among them. But when they looked for him, he had disappeared! So they asked the Lord, "Where is he?" And the Lord replied, "He is hiding among the baggage."

Instead we should...

Leverage our advantages for our calling

Accept God's signs as a confirmation of our calling

Lean in to responsibility to fulfill our calling