

Gods Birthmarks on your life...

These are the things **you did not choose and cannot change**.

Matt 19:12 - For there are eunuchs who (1) were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been (2)made eunuchs by others--and there are those who (3) choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

1. Unchangeable predetermined features include –

- a. Time in history
- b. Race
- c. Birth order
- d. gender
- e. Parents
- f. Siblings
- g. Stature

2. People in the Bible who had unique characteristics:

- a. Elisha was bald, died from disease 2 Kings 2:23, 13:14
- b. Zacchaeus was short Luke 19:3
- c. Cain was marked by God Gen 4:15
- d. Jacob limped Gen 32:31
- e. Leah was not as cute as her sister Gen 29:16
- f. Jacob and Esau were night and day Gen 25:27,28
- g. Peter could not run as fast as the other disciples John 20:4
- h. Naaman had leprosy 2 Kings 5
- i. Josiah had to be king at 8 yrs old 2 Kings 22:1
- j. Moses Stuttered Ex 4:10

• If you really want God's will in your life, you must **first** accept your unique attributes and **then** know who you are in Christ. **Lastly** you must embrace your spiritual gifts which are often a special compensation given to you by the Holy Spirit.

Jer 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Miracle births – Barren women

Elizabeth had John the Bap,

Hannah had Samuel,

Sarah had Isaac,

Manoah's wife had Samson,

Mary had Jesus (immaculate conception)

- 1 Cor 12:18 - But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty,²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Eph 2:10 - We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!

Gladys Aylward born 1902, was a short black haired woman who moved to China at age 30 as a missionary.

She questioned why she looked different than her friends as a child.

The Book titled the small woman, in 1957 told her story.

Hollywood however in 1958, produced the movie "the inn of the 6th happiness" tried to glamorize her story with romance (Gladys had never kissed a man her entire life) and a tall blonde Ingrid Bergman who played the leading role.

They missed the point. Hollywood doesn't get it, the world doesn't validate your calling.