

"Throw aways"

Pearl Fryar is an 74 year old African American topiary artist living in Bishopville, South Carolina.

Born in Clinton, North Carolina, Pearl was the son of a sharecropper.

Since the early 1980s, Pearl Fryar has been creating fantastic topiary at his garden in Bishopville, South Carolina.

Pearl started his two acre garden after racist neighbors angered him by complaining that blacks never kept up their yards.

Living sculptures, Pearl's topiaries are astounding feats of artistry and horticulture. **Many of the plants in Pearl's garden were rescued from the compost pile at local nurseries.**

With Pearl's patience and skilled hands, these "throw aways" have thrived and have been transformed into wonderful abstract shapes. Pearl Fryar and his garden are now internationally recognized and have been the subject of numerous newspaper and magazine articles, television shows, and even a documentary, *A Man Named Pearl*. **Today, the Pearl Fryar Topiary Garden draws visitors from around the globe - wikipedia**

Netflix has the documentary, *A Man Named Pearl* which I have watched. I was amazed at not only the artistry, but also the spirit of this aged, kindly, gentleman who put his heart and soul into what he enjoyed and enjoyed sharing it with others.

What stood out most to me was the fact he took "throw aways", rejected, unwanted, fit for the compost pile plants and transformed them into award winning treasured works of art.

God has called the "throw aways", "unwanted", "outcast", those most people shun.

1Co 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:**

1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;**

He chose fishermen, sinners, tax collectors, and even murderers (Paul) to represent Himself and the richness of His Grace!

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.**

In high school *PE* class we would choose teams for sporting events by selecting two captains who would alternate a pick of the preceivably most talented atheletes in the class. How awful and embarrassing it was to be the last one picked.

When God decided to build His Kingdom, you think He would have called the brightest, charismatic, strong and beautiful. But no! He called the least, lost, and last!

Jesus told a story of a great feast. Those that had it "together", and "knew all the answers", and most were "too busy", and refused to come to the feast.

So,

Luk 14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, **Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.**

Luk 14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

Luk 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, **Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.**

He will take the lowest of low, from the highways and hedges, transform them and place them in His Kingdom as Kings!!!!

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood,**
Rev 1:6 **And hath made us kings and priests unto God** and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Most all the heroes in the Bible came from lowly stock, unwise and unwanted, and discarded.

They were former prostitutes, murderers, adulterers, liars and cheats.

God will raise up the humble and pull down those who exalt themselves.

No matter how low you go, God can reach down and transform you.

Today!

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.