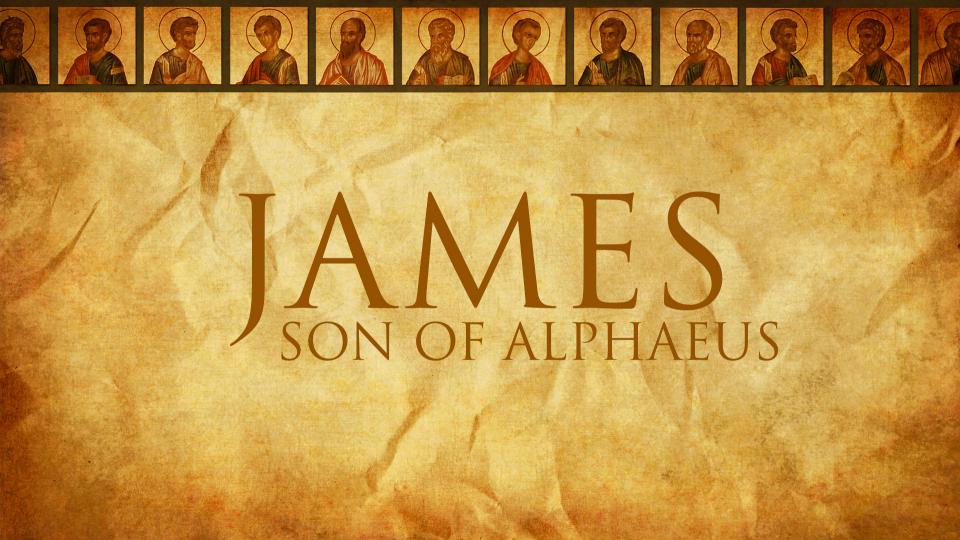
13 Disciples Lessons in following Christ

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Discipleship Lessons from Thomas the doubter



James, Son of Alphaeus

- Known more as "son of", Matthew 10:3
- Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome Mark 15:40



- BROTHER OF MATTHEW, AND PERHAPS SON OF MARY WIFE OF CLEOPHAS (AKA ALPHAEUS)
- ' 'JAMES THE LESS' EVANGELIZED SYRIA AND LED THE CHURCH THERE
- LATER STONED IN JERUSALEM AFTER REFUSING TO DENY HIS LORD























James the LESS?

- Less mature, younger? Matthew 18:6
- Luke 19:3 Matthew 10:42,



James the LESS?

- Less in Influence? Matthew 11:11, Acts 8:10
- **Less in Importance?** Luke 7:28





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Finding myself?

- -Ancestry / Genetic DNA Billions a year
- Ethnicity, country of origin, IQ...
- -Astrological sign, Mental disorder



Finding myself?

- -Astrological sign, Mental disorder
- Personality assessments, dating profiles



MYERS-BRIGGS PERSONALITY TYPES IN THE BIBLE



spontaneous inspirer



affectionate supporter



ESFP entertaining performer



caring shepherd



clever visionary



ENTI ambitious entrepreneur



ESTP opportunistic rule-breaker



484 assertive guardian



loyal idealist



insightful protector



ISFP poetic gardener



SEL pondering nurturer



wise thinker



INTI long-range planner



ISTP secretive analyst



thorough observer

twentyonehundred productions

CHURCH STAFF

Myers-Briggs Personality Types

If you're at a transition point in your ministry or perhaps just getting started looking for a church position, it can be helpful to take a look at your personality type and natural "wiring." The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) has long been a useful personality assessment for both church staffing and the business world alike. Based on what MBTI says are strengths of each personality type, here are some ideas of what church staff roles could be a good fit with those strengths.

IMPORTANT: This is not to say that, for example, only ENFJs should be Lead Pastors. On the contrary, we've interacted with Senior Pastors of every personality type, and the same goes for every position listed. This is simply a fun guide to show some patterns we see and how some of the types' strengths could complement a ministry role well.

The Thorough These dependable individuals inspect what needs to be done and can be trusted to see projects through They are goal oriented, gifted at organizing, and notoriously honest.

Church Blanter Pastor of Administration. Creative Arts Director



velocers have a duty to get the job done They are generally friendly and operate well behind the scenes. They regularly consid the needs of others

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Children's Minister Creative Arts Pastor.



rship Arts Pastor Missionary. Children's Pastor



Executive Pastor nunications Director



The Exploring These adjectable workers are quick to work with changing environments. They are creative in their work and oughtful in their relationships.

HOR Director Executive Pastor Production Director



Teaching Pastor



Children's Pastor, Creative Arts Pastor



The Carlog Listener These altruistic idealists seek to understand others and help them move forward. They are creative and perceptive, which helps them influence

INFP

Pastor of Ministries, Director of Pastoral Care, Discipleship Pastor



Spiritual Formation Pastor, Next Gen Pastor, Executive Pastor of Ministries



The Social-Loving These roblem-solvers are often the center of ergy in the room They are excellent promoters who work and

men's/Men's Pastor. Church Planter. Connections Pastor

ESTJ

These decisive

organizers are

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pifted at managing

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execute it.

Pastor of Ministries,

Executive Pastor,

Connections Pastor



Creative Arts Director. Next Gen Pastor

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Connections/Groups Pastor Pastor of Outreach. Youth Pastor

These enthusiastic advocates value

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challenges.

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inventors are etinually motivated by new challenges. They avoid routines and are gifted at finding solutions to relational and analytical problems.

Marketing & nications Director, Young Adults Pastor. Teaching Pastor



Lead Pastor Creative Arts Pastor. Pastor of Outreach/Missions

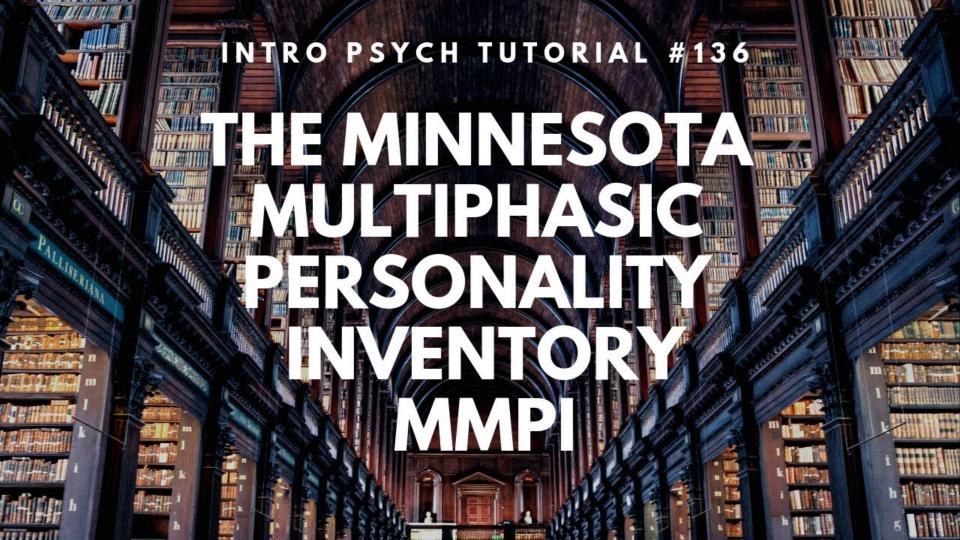


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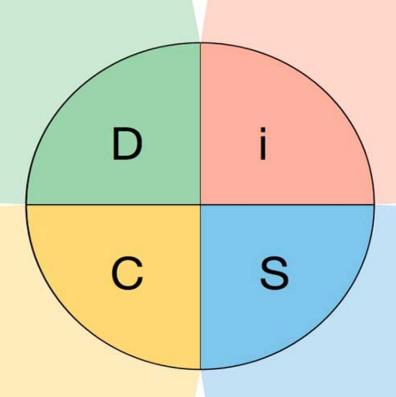
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DOMINANCE

- Direct
- Results-oriented
- Firm
- Strong-willed
- Forceful

- Analytical
- Reserved
- Precise
- Private
- Systematic



INFLUENCE

- Outgoing
- Enthusiastic
- Optimistic
- High-spirited
- Lively

- Even-tempered
- Accommodating
- Patient
- Humble
- Tactful

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

STEADINESS

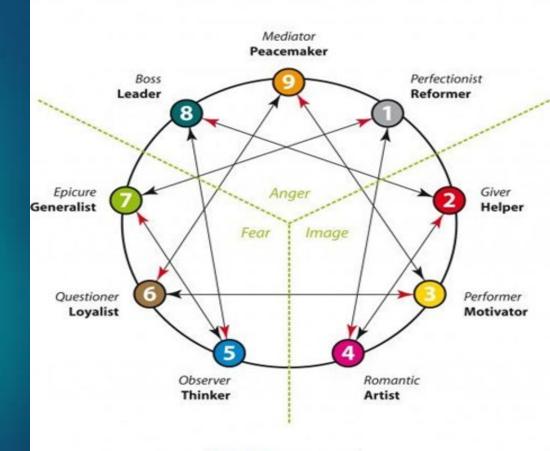
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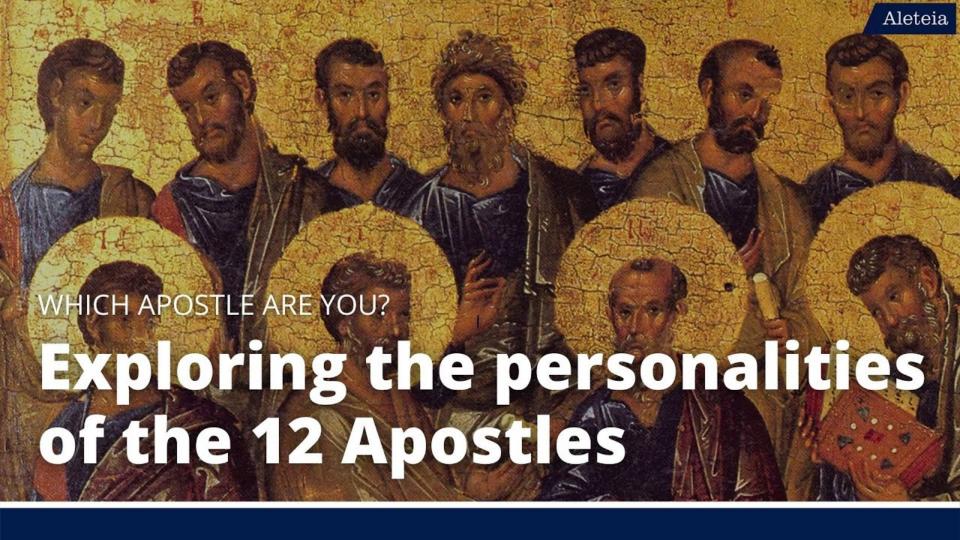












Why would any Christian continue to seek himself, ever since Christ, despite your utter sinfulness, has found AND Redeemed you?!!

How could those who have gazed into the precious face of Christ, turn to the empty pursuit of seeking value within himself?

Once and forever loved by the perfect and holy Sovereign of the Universe, what does it matter what any or all others may think of you, including YOU?!!

Designated by God Himself to be justified in His sight and made a child of God, we are henceforth and forevermore the children of the King! (No other judgment of us counts!)



Unique, not bizarre

- -Aptitudes and natural giftedness
- Mood and inclinations, tastes



Unique, not bizarre

- -And now; Gender??! 58? 64? 71?
- And Sex "Gay Christian"??





God made you different. Don't ruin that trying to be like everybody else.



The greatest ability??!

- Character / values
- 9 Fruit! Galatians 5
- Spiritual gifts Romans 12, Ephesians 4 I Corinthians 12



Listing of Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12

Encouragement Giving Leadership Mercy Prophecy Service Teachina

1 Corinthians 12

Administration
Discernment
Healing
Interpretation of Languages
Languages
Prophecy
Wisdom

Apostle
Faith
Helps
Knowledge
Miracles
Teaching

Ephesians 4

Apostle Pastor Teaching

Evangelism Prophecy

<u>l Peter 4</u>

Serving Teaching

The apostles are just servants!

Luke 17:9 – "He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?"



The apostles are just servants!

Luke 17:10 — "So you too, when you do all the things which were commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done"



"BUT LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST ABOUT THIS:

that he UNDERSTANDS
and KNOWS ME, that I am the LORD,
who exercises KINDNESS, JUSTICE
and RIGHTEOUSNESS on earth,
for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:24

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Lord, to whom shall we go?

John 6:67, 68 — So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to leave also, do you?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life."



Lord, to whom shall we go?

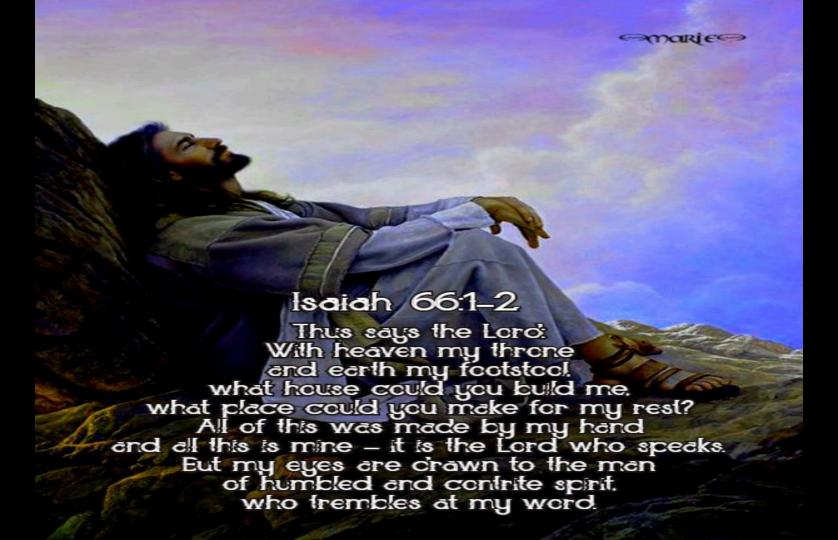
John 6:69,70 — "And we have already believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve?

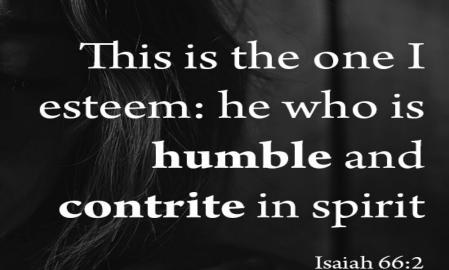


Lord, to whom shall we go?

John 6:69,70 – "And yet one of you is a devil."







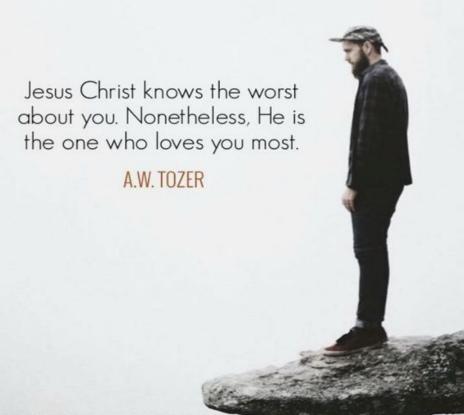


Forgotten by many, but not by God!

- God saw Job, when no one else did!
- For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name . . . Hebrews 6:10







There is no sin so prevalent, so insidious, and so deep as the sin of fearing **people** more than we fear **GOD**.

Kevin DeYoung

"THE GREAT MISTAKE

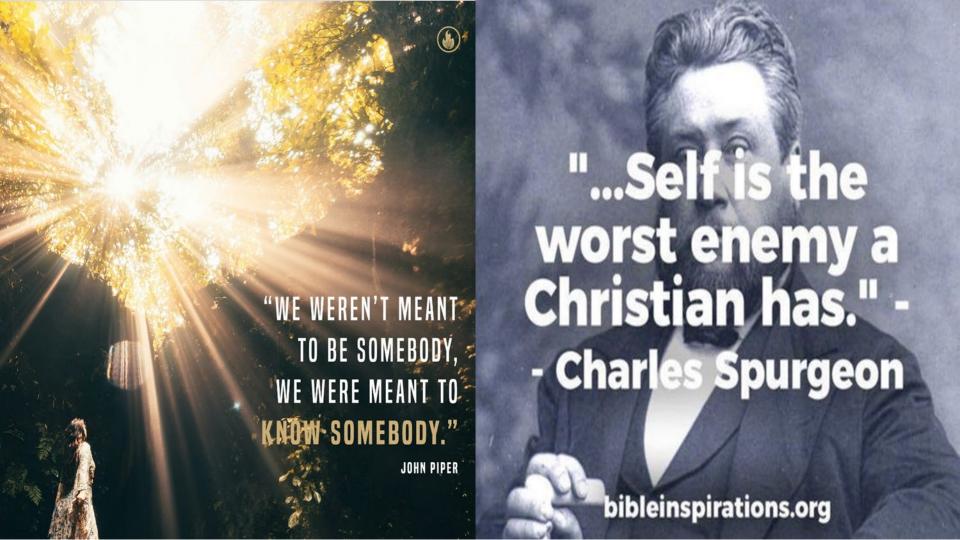
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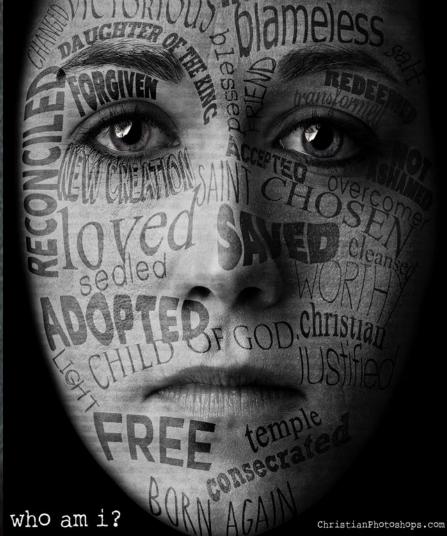
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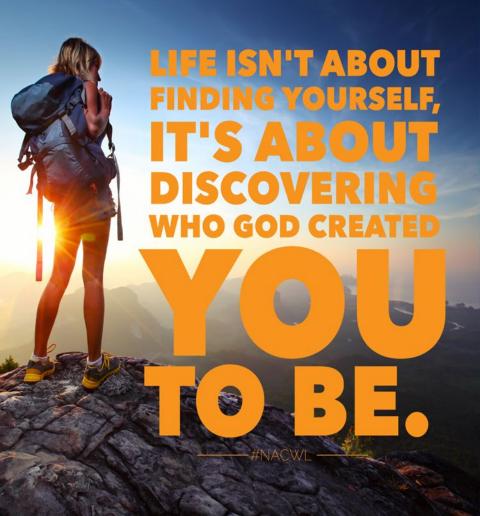
- A.W. PINK













"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still Lam not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am"

- John Newton -

"If you love yourself, if you're into self love, and self esteem, and making sure all your little needs are met, making sure you're indulged with all your fantasies, and dreams, and schemes, and hopes, and ambitions; you're going to lose your life. You're going to lose your life in eternal hell. If you love yourself so much to hold on like the rich young ruler, you're going to go away withou eternal life. But if you hate yourself, then John MacArthur you're going to receive eternal life. What a tremendous, tremendous option. I mean, it's just the ultimate, that's it. You either save your life now, or lose it forever. Lose your

life now, and save it forever. That simple.

"Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it." Jesus Christ [Luke 17:33]

Repent and Follow the Savior!

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The Gospel:

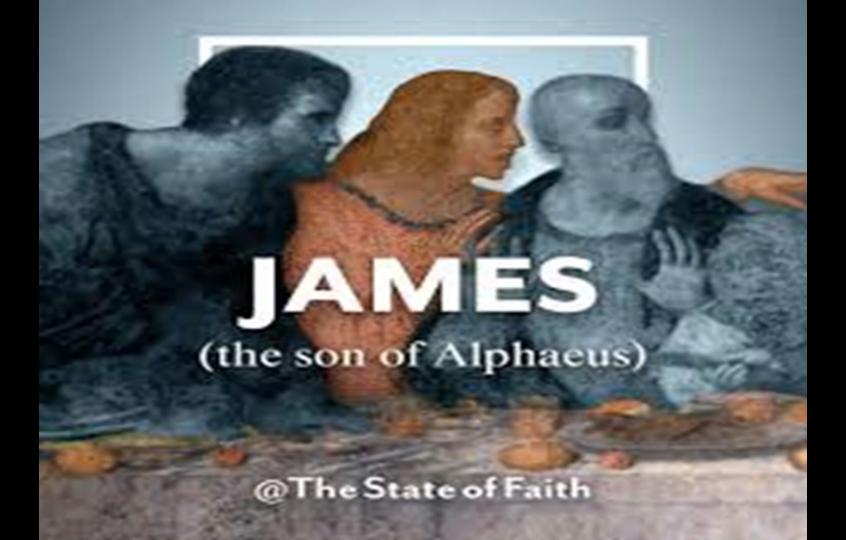
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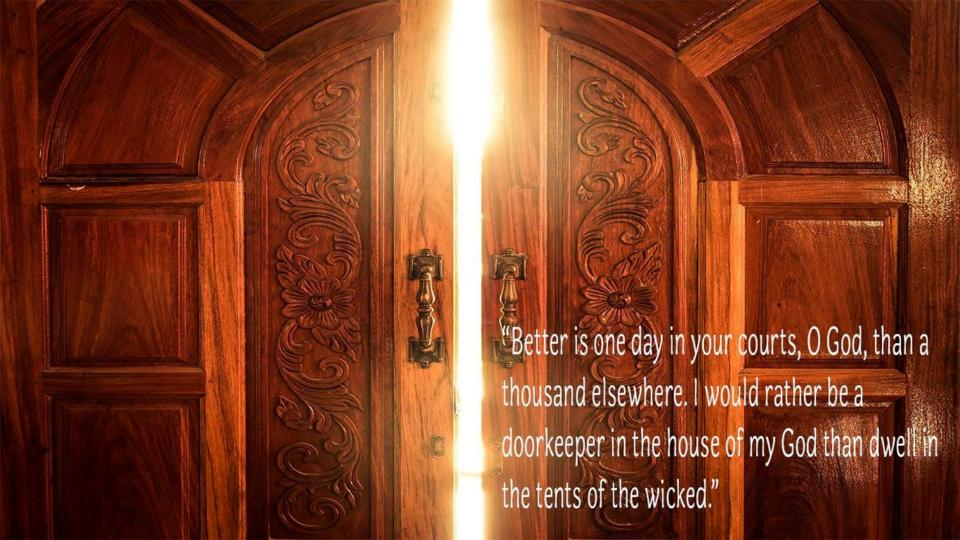
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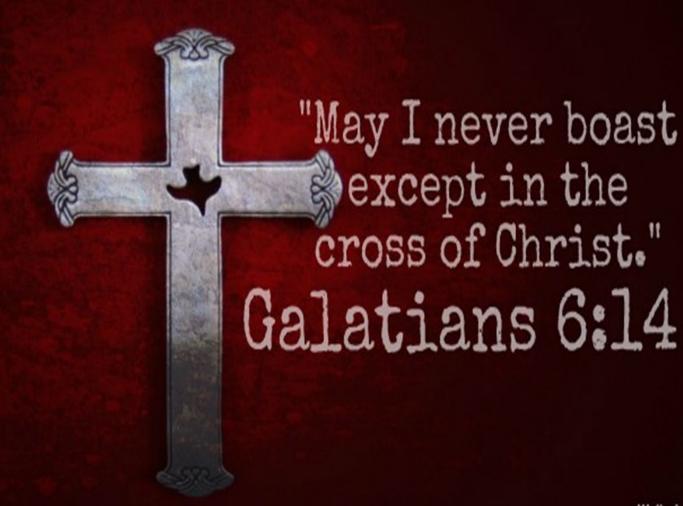
Love the Lord, not yourself!

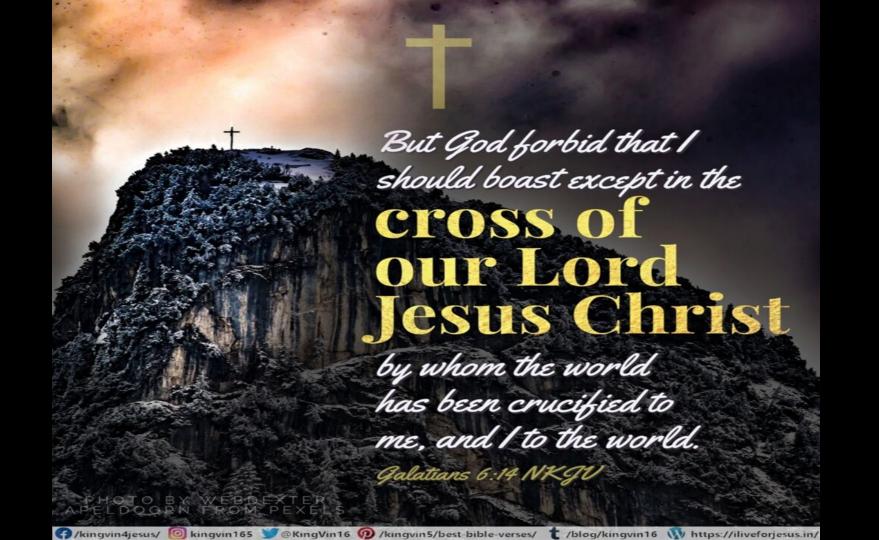
- Pride is the root of evil, original sin
- -Humility is essential and root of love
- Love sacrifices self for the one you love! "James the Less"













FIVE NAMED JAMES

Four (or, perhaps, five) people with the name of James appear in the pages of the New Testament.

ID	ENTIFICATION	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
1.	James, father of Judas (not Iscariot)	Luke 6:16	Nothing is known about this James. He is mentioned in the list of the original twelve disciples as the father of Judas (not Iscariot) to distinguish him from Judas the betrayer. This Judas is also distinguished by the name "Thaddaeus."
2.	James, Son of Zebedee, brother of John	Matthew 4:21; 10:2; 17:1; Mark 1:19, 29; 3:17; 5:37; 9:2; 10:35, 41; 13:3; 14:33; Luke 5:10; 6:14; 8:51; 9:28, 54; Acts 1:13; 12:2	Brother of the apostle John and one of the "Sons of Thunder." He witnessed some of Jesus' private miracles, was present at Christ's transfiguration, and was invited to pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. This James was the first of the twelve disciples to be martyred. He was put to death with a sword around AD 44.
За	James, son of Alphaeus	Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13	One of the twelve disciples, distinguished as the "son of Alphaeus" to keep him distinct from James #2. Many scholars believe #3a and #3b, "James the Less," are the same person.
ЗЬ	James the Less, son of Mary	Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:40; 16:1; Luke 24:10	The son of one of the women named Mary who witnessed Jesus' burial and resurrection. Many believe "James the Less" is the same as James, the son of Alphaeus (#3a), though he could be a different person altogether.
4.	James, son of Joseph and Mary, half brother of Jesus	Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; Acts 1:14; 12:17; 15:13; 21:18; Galatians 1:19; 2:9, 12; 1 Corinthians 15:7; Jude 1:1	The natural son of Mary and Joseph after the birth of Jesus. Though he did not believe in his brother Jesus during His earthly ministry (John 7:5), after the risen Lord made a special appearance to him, James became a believer and eventually the leader of the Jewish Christian church in Jerusalem until he was martyred around Ap 62.

THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

The very first followers of Jesus were the same people who knew him when he traveled and healed and taught in Palestine. They were the ones who witnessed his crucifixion. After the risen Jesus appeared to some of these friends and followers, they began to worship together at the great temple in Jerusalem. They were the first believers—and the church grew from that core group.

The Seventy

Along with the smaller group of twelve, a larger bunch of disciples had surrounded, served, and learned from Jesus while he was living. This included seventy people whom Jesus sent out into the cities and towns around Galilee to announce the arrival of God's kingdom. It's likely that many of these people were also part of the community that gathered in Jerusalem to see what would happen next. Some became deacons in the early church, charged with caring for the community's poor and vulnerable.

James, son of Alphaeus Thaddeus Thomas Philip Andrew

LATE TO THE PARTY

A Jewish Pharisee named Saul, from the city of Tarsus, was an early enemy of the Jesus followers. After experiencing a vision of the resurrected Jesus, Saul changed his life and became an apostle. Sometime later, he became known as Paul. His work helped spread the news about Jesus throughout the world.



"I'm the least of the apostles, because I used to persecute God's church."



Priscilla

A Few of Paul's

Coworkers





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A few quick facts on the apostle James, son of Alphaeus

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Yes and no . . .

YES

The church has traditionally nicknamed him "James the Less" to avoid confusion with the son of Zebedee, "James the Great."

NO

The man Mark calls
"James the Less" is not
likely one of the apostles.
"Less" in this sense means
"little," "short," or even
"junior." (Mk 15:40)

Matthew's brother?

Levi (Matthew) is also called the son of Alphaeus (Mk 2:14). However, the evangelists call attention to other sets of brothers within the twelve (Mt 10:3; Mk 3:17; Lk 6:14), but not Matthew and James.

Jude's father?

Jude/Judas/Thaddaeus is the son of a man named James, but James was such a common name at the time that we can't be sure which James is Judas' father.

For example, when Luke tells us Jude is the son of James, there are no less than three men named James *in the same room*: this James, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of Jesus (Ac 1:13-14).



Seriously, we don't know much about James aside from who his father was (Alphaeus). That's all we got, folks.

A few quick facts on the apostle James, son of Alphaeus



One of the Twelve

James son of Alphaeus was one of Jesus' 12 closest followers. He sport throc years with Jesus, witnessing his miracles and teachings.



Possibly James the Less

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Twelve Orainary Men

What Color is Your Temperament?

"The Doer"

CHOLERIC

Strengths: Sharp intellect, strength of will, goal oriented, resolute, confident, passionate, comfortable in command, energetic, productive, quick learner, decisive, ambitious, aspires to greatness, enterprising, persevering, zealous, a dynamic leader, forceful, industrious, effective

Weaknesses: Dominating, not empathetic, bold, brash, stubborn, opinionated, domineering, contemptuous, prideful, easily incited to anger, impatient with others' slowness and lack of intelligence, holds grudges, pushy, finds it difficult to apologize or admit mistakes, hardness of heart

Famous choleric: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Michael Jordan, Rush Limbaugh, St. James, Patton Relationship needs: sense of control, credit for achievements, loyalty
CAUTION: Don't try to break their will!

Response time: Quick to react, long-lasting, active

The Talker

Sanguine

Strengths: Optimistic, extroverted, fun-loving, enjoys being with people, talkative, eager to please, compassionate, forgives and forgets, quick learner, always interested in new projects, idea-person, creative, non resentful, candid, obliging, funny, mercurial, vivacious, lively, clever

Weaknesses: Superficial, disorganized, faddish, concerned about what people think, tendency to the external, succumbs to flattery, not good on follow through, inordinate love of pleasure, doesn't think things through, jumps to conclusions, interests fade quickly, makes fun of others to gain attention, decisions may be made rashly, flirtatious

Famous sanguine: Magic Johnson, Tom Sawyer,

Relationship needs: attention, affection, fun CAUTION: Don't take away their fun! Response time: Quick to react, short-lived duration, active

Lorelei Gilmore, Bill Clinton, St. Peter

"The Thinker"

Melancholic

Strengths: Analytic, perfectionist, deliberate, idealistic, deep thinker, reflective, religious, discrete, scrupulous, sensitive, sacrificial, quiet, reliable, purposeful, orderly, lofty, introverted, dedicated, sensitive to injustice, appreciates silence and solitude, has strong interior life, decorous, noble, cautious, particular

Weaknesses: Slow, moody, brooding, easily discouraged, prone to depression or despondency, irresolute, confused by noise and crowds, fearful, reserved, finds it difficult to make friends, tends to passivity, resentment, holds grudges, lacks confidence, indecisive, second-guesses decisions, critical and suspicious of others, makes mountains out of molehills, requiring cheering up, aloof, tends to find problems everywhere

Famous melancholic: Abraham Lincoln, "Pistol" Pete Marovich, Albert Brooks (Nemo's dad), St. Paul Relationship needs: sensitivity, support, "space" CAUTION: Encourage them with patience! Response time: Slow to react, with increasing intensity, and very long duration "The Peace Maker"

Phlegmatic

Strengths: Peaceful, respectful, gentle, steady, nonconfrontational, level-headed, deliberate, persevering, practical, calm, dispassionate, detached, thoughtful, not easily offended, keeps head under pressure, nonargumentive, non judging, non demanding, willing to take blame, hidden drive, dry wit, compliant, traditional, patriotic, serene, modest, unflashy, a "servant leader"

"servant leader"

Weaknesses: Slow, indecisive, indifferent, lack of ambition, tends to laziness, passive, will agree just to avoid confrontation, avoids leadership, avoids pressure, make lack self-worth if they are neglected because they are so demanding, indifferent, will resort to "I don't care" or "it doesn't matter"

Famous phlegmatic: Tim Duncan, Sandy Koufax, Keanu Reeves, St. Thomas Aquinas

Relationship needs: peace and harmony, respect and appreciation, motivation

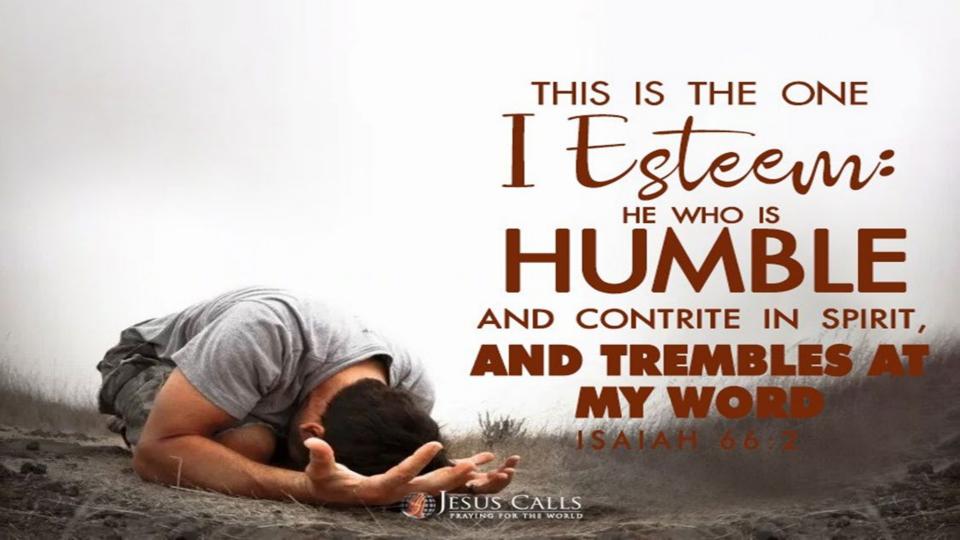
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I must become less

John 3:30



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JOHN NEWTON

