



The People God Uses

Learning to follow Jesus from the life of Andrew

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Who are the people God uses? When people talk about the 12 disciples of Jesus, they usually speak of the extroverted ones, the talented ones, the stars. Peter, James, and John were those kinds of people. But who notices the nobodies, the quiet and shy types? You know, the ones that behind-the-scenes, ordinary people just like us who are often overlooked.

The fact that Andrew was the very first disciple chosen shows the value God places on ordinary people. The Bible doesn't say much about Andrew. We can identify with Andrew because he is like most of us. In Andrew, we see the qualities of people that God uses.

Andrew's life demonstrates **three characteristics** that God wants from you and me.

I. God uses people who are humble servants of Jesus

1. Humility serves Christ quietly
2. Humility serves Christ selflessly

II. God uses people who are obedient followers of Jesus

1. Obedience follows Christ by example
2. Obedience follows Christ by intention

III. God uses people who are personal evangelists for Jesus

1. Bring family to Christ John 1:35-42
2. Bring contacts to Christ John 6:1-14
3. Bring outcasts to Christ John 12:20-22

Your Response:

1. Can your family members, co-workers, and acquaintances tell that you are a Christ-follower? Ask them how can they tell?
2. Do you have a quiet example of a godly life? Is there evidence of a humble spirit? Do you have a lifestyle of serving other others?
3. When was the last time you told someone about Christ? Have you ever given your personal testimony to your family?
4. Who are the people in your life that you could introduce to Jesus? Write down the names of the top ten unchurched people that you could invite to church on Easter Sunday.
5. Covenant with God to 1) pray for them regularly and 2) watch for opportunities to talk to them about Jesus.

Resources:

The Master's Men by William Barclay
Men of Character by Gene A Getz
The Search for the Twelve Apostles by William Stuart McBirnie
Thirteen Men Who Changed the World by H. S. Vigeveno