

Jesus Chose Twelve

Luke 6:12-16

- The Parable of the Old and New (patch and wineskins)
- Sabbath - a day of **rest** and **refreshing**
- 12 Apostles (in place of the 12 tribes, a new nation)

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Luke shows us Jesus' prayer life. At the very **center** of Jesus' life and ministry was prayer.

Luke 3:21-22: When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the (1) heaven was opened. And (2) the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and (3) a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Luke 5:16: So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

- The demand pushed Jesus to prayer, not from prayer.
- Prayer is connected to power!

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Approaching big decisions in life:

1. PRAYER 👍
2. THE WORD 🗣️
3. PEACE 🕊️
4. WISE COUNSEL 🙌
5. WAIT 🙏

Luke 6:13: And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles (sent ones - John 20:21).

Luke 6:14-16: Simon, whom He also named (1) Peter, and (2) Andrew his brother; (3) James and (4) John; (5) Philip and (6) Bartholomew; (7) Matthew and (8) Thomas; (9) James the son of Alphaeus, and (10) Simon called the Zealot; (11) Judas the son of James, and (12) Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

12 Ordinary Men

Acts 4:13: Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Perfect leaders, **perfect** parents...there are none.

Old: 12 Tribes of Israel

New: 12 Apostles of the Lamb (a new nation: the church)

Matthew 21:42-44: Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures (Psalm 118): 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?' Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Fruit

- Fruit of Spirit (Galatians 5:22)
- Good works (Colossians 1:10)
- Financial giving (Philippians 4:17)
- Leading others to Jesus (John 4:36)
- Holiness (Romans 6:22)
- Praise, the fruit of our lips (Hebrews 13:15)

1 Peter 2:4-8: Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture (Isaiah

28:16), "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," and "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

1 Peter 2:9-10: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.