

# Who God Chooses To Use

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## I. Introduction

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**Matthew 1:16** and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

**Luke 3:23** Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph,

## II. Three Characteristics Of People Who God Chooses To Use

### 1. God Chooses People Who Work Hard

**Matthew 13:54-55** Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?"

- A. How you do your work will determine how God uses your work.
- B. Work is worship.

**Colossians 3:17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- C. You are disrupted and distracted when you do not work hard.

**2 Thessalonians 3:11-13** We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

- D. The reward of work is in the investment and not the immediate.

**Proverbs 22:29** Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

- You do more good when you are good at what you do.

## 2. *God Chooses People Who Seek Him*

**Matthew 1:18-19** This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

A. Seeking God is a matter of character.

**Luke 2:22** When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

**Luke 2:41-42** Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.

B. Seeking God is a matter of action.

C. When you seek God, you find direction for every area of life.

**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

**Proverbs 6:23** For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life,

D. Opportunity comes to those who seek God.

**Acts 6:3-4** Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.

## 3. *God Chooses People Who Will Choose People*

- When you influence a child, you shape the future.

**Deuteronomy 6:7-9** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

A. God uses people who will put others ahead of themselves.

**Matthew 2:13-15** When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

B. God uses people who will be committed to His will.

**Hebrews 6:10-12** God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

- When no one sees what you do, do not give up.
- When you do not see the reward, do not give up.

**Galatians 6:9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.