

Chosen

Sunday Morning, March 15, 2015

Thesis:

Seek God's Will For Leadership Positions and
Serve the Lord in Unity to Reach the Lost

Introduction:

In a book written by Frank Tillapaugh, the following memo is found:

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph
Woodcrafters Carpenter Shop
Nazareth 25922

From: Jordan Management Consultants

Subject: Staff Team Evaluation

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultants...

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capacity. *(More on next page)*

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities for leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture...

I. How Do We Choose Church Leaders Today? (Luke 6: 12)

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. *Jesus Prayed All Night*

(Colossians 1: 17 – 18)

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Jesus is Head of the Church Body, Pray & Seek His Will

Example: Pastor Search Committee, Resume,
Interviews and Prayer

Deacons?
Sunday School Teachers?
Outreach Team Leaders?

II. Whom God Chooses To Do His Work Is A Surprise!

(Luke 6: 14 – 16)

14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew
his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;
15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus,
and Simon called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of
James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Fishermen
Publicans
Common Laborers

(Acts 17:6)

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason
and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out,
“These who have turned the world upside down have
come here too.

They Were Used To Turn The World Upside Down

III. Chosen For A Purpose **(Luke 6: 17 – 19)**

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level
place with a crowd of His disciples and a great
multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem,
and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to
hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean
spirits. And they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for
power went out from Him and healed them all.

Be About Doing God's Work!

All of Us Are Called Just As We Are To Serve Jesus

(Luke 10:2)

Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great,
but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the
harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

All of Us Are Called to Harvest the Crop:

Evangelism
Discipleship
Service

*Recognize William & Damarys Being Placed Here
By God*

Conclusion:

Let's Close Today By Praying Corporately As the Body
of Christ for William and Damarys and Any Church
Needs as The Holy Spirit Leads