

12 ORDINARY MEN

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- Jesus called twelve disciples, and each of them had one outstanding trait – they were just ordinary individuals.
- They were all just common, every day, ordinary, hard-working men.
- Yet Jesus wanted them! And Jesus used them mightily! And Jesus called them to be close to Him – to form a spiritual family on earth. What do we learn from these twelve ordinary men?

It's not about _____, it's about relationship.

Luke 6:12-16

- None of the twelve were religious leaders. In fact, the Bible indicates that none of them were even religious.
- Jesus did not choose any Pharisees, scribes, or priests.

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." **John 15:15**

- These twelve ordinary men were _____ to Jesus, not because of religious achievement, but because of their relationship with Christ.

It's not about outward impressiveness, but inward

_____. **Mark 10:42-45**

- 1 Samuel 16:7 states that “man looks on the outward appearance, **but God** looks on the _____.”
- Jesus made it a habit of calling to him people that society had either ignored or completely written off.
- The twelve disciples were not an impressive looking group. Crude, foul-mouthed fishermen, a tax collector (they were viewed as swine), and a group of “no-names.”
- Jesus taught that it's not about outward appearance; it's about inward _____.

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.”

James 4:10

**It's not about your noble _____, but your present
surrender. Mark 1:16-20**

- Why did Jesus choose the twelve? Mark 1:16-20 holds the answer.

God is never going to beat you up about your past. All He wants to see is a _____ of surrender right now from you.