

A CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER & CALLING



Luke 6:11-19

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Over busyness is not just a mistake but a strategy of the evil one to detain us from meeting with our Lord. Emergencies are emergencies; they will always exist. But when our lives look as a series of special meetings and appointments, then danger lurks nearby. There is the special need for God's workers to set time aside to be with Him. Our productiveness and our closeness with Him have a direct connection. Luke 6:11-19 speaks clearly about this.

11 But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus. 12 And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; 15 and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. 17 And He descended with them, and stood on a level place; and there was a great multitude of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the multitude were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all. (Luke Luke 6:11-19).

Bible Study Questions

1. What is it that Jesus is said to do in verse 12?
2. What were the circumstances in which Jesus did these things (see 6:11)?
3. Why do you think the whole night in prayer is significant? Why not just a good two or three hours?
4. What is it that Jesus did when day came (13)?
5. What is the difference between disciples and apostles?
6. As you go through the list of the twelve apostles, what stands out in your mind (14-16)?
7. In verse 17 we read that Jesus descended. It was probably that same mountain that He had prayed on all night. Why on a mountain? Is any similarity being made to Moses' time on Mount Sinai or is it simply a way of saying Jesus was alone?
8. What happened when He came down from the mountain (18-19)?

Summary

We must remember our call to serve is based on our time with the Lord. We lose our qualifications to serve when we are not abiding in Him.

Being called to be an apostle did not nullify their positions and lifestyles as Christ's disciples. They always would be first His disciples, learning and loving their Lord. The apostle position, their special appointment, was built upon this discipleship relationship and does not negate it. And so it is with our appointments by the Lord. Our ministries are established upon our lives as His disciples; our callings upon our relationship with Him.