

If you were starting up a company and needed to find some people to help you launch your company, what kind of people would you look for?



If you were a church planter, and were looking for a group of people to form a leadership team to start the church, who would you go to?

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“Lord Jesus, I know you are at a place in Your public ministry where You are looking for a select few disciples to share Your ministry responsibility with, so that You can personally train them and send them out. What kind of disciples are You looking for?”

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Luke 6:12-19

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(Luke 6:12)

⁶On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him. ⁸But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" And he got up and came forward.

(Luke 6:6-8)

⁹And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?” ¹⁰After looking around at them all, He said to him, “Stretch out your hand!” And he did so; and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

(Luke 6:9-11)

The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. (Mark 3:6)

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The occasion for Jesus' prayer was that He was faced with the reality of His impending death at the hands of the religious leaders.

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Thus, Jesus spent the whole night in prayer to God as He was to choose twelve apostles, who would carry on His work after His departure.

¹³And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

(Luke 6:13)

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

(Luke 6:14-16)

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Here are some generalities in regards to the Twelve chosen by Jesus:

- **They were not the social elite**
- **They were not the intellectuals of the day**

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The apostles were primarily from the region of Galilee.

“But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.” (Isaiah 9:1)

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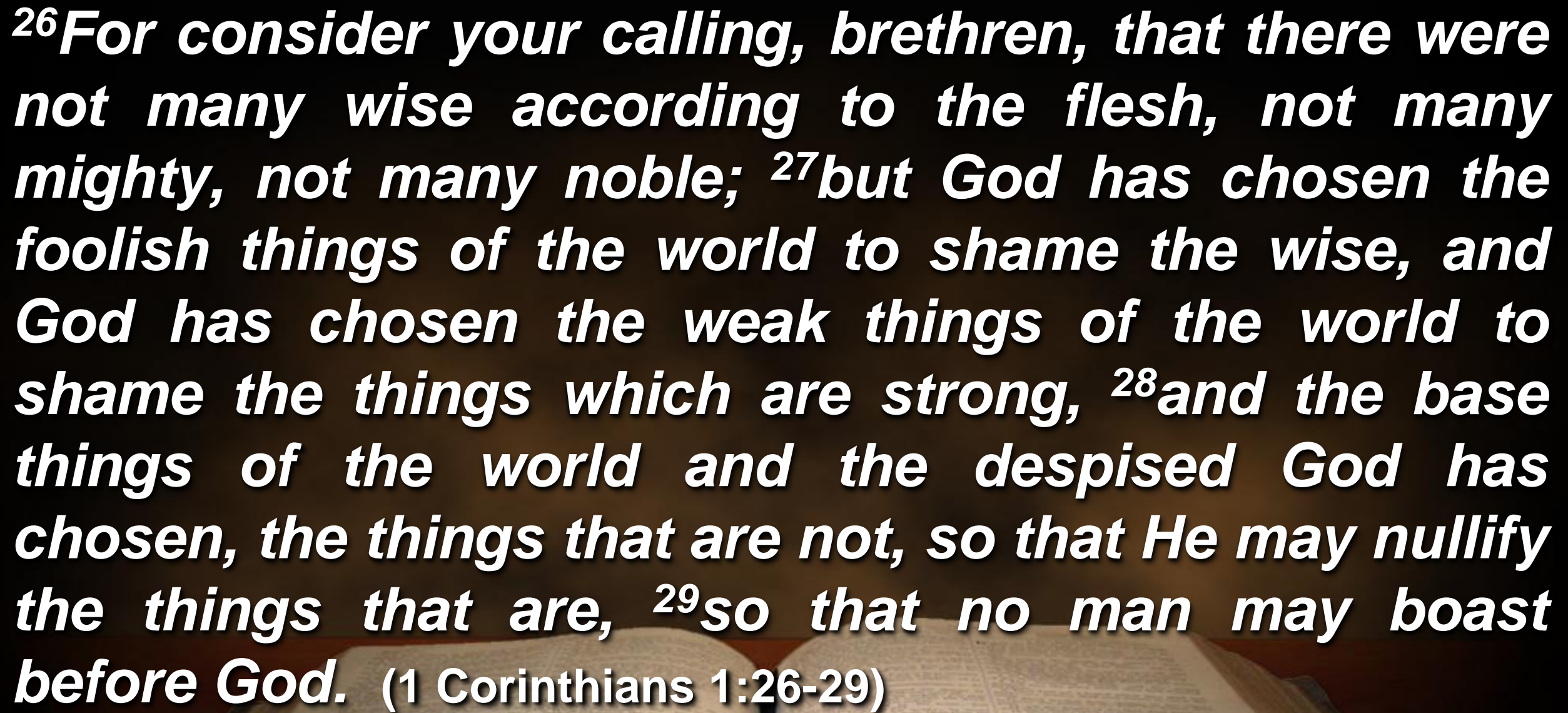
The apostles were committed to following Jesus.

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They were personally chosen by Jesus.

“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”
(John 15:16)

²⁶For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no man may boast before God. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

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17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,

(Luke 6:17)

18who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.

(Luke 6:18-19)

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Jesus during His time with the apostles, taught them the truth of God, and showed them the power in which they were to operate in order to carry out their work.

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Jesus modeled God's abundant and eternal life through His own everyday life, which He shared with His apostles.

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**Discipleship and apostleship
are something that Jesus
desires for us as well.**

And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”



(Luke 9:23)

¹⁸And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:18-20)

¹You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

(2 Timothy 2:1-2)

**We are to remember and keep before us
our mission and vision as a church,
which is to:**



“It does not take a great man to make a good witness, and to be witnesses of Christian facts was the main business of the apostles. That even the humblest of them rendered important service in that capacity we need not doubt, though nothing is said of them in the apostolic annals. . . . The writers of the Gospels were not afflicted with the biographic mania. Moreover, the apostles were not their theme. Christ was their hero; and their sole desire was to tell what they knew of Him. They gazed steadfastly at the Sun of righteousness, and in His effulgence they lost sight of the attendant stars. Whether they were stars of the first magnitude, or of the second, or of the third made little difference.” — F.F.Bruce [The Preacher’s Homiletic Commentary: Luke, p.166]