

WE over ME - Week 1 - The Misfits

Fictitious Memo from Jordan Management Consultants:

Thank you for submitting the resumés of the twelve men you have selected for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests and we have run the results through our computer. It is our staff's opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of work you are undertaking. 2 Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to an offensive temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. Brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Frankly, they're "Mama's boys". 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 our greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus have definite leanings toward the radical and register high on the manic depressive scale. One of the candidates does, however, show great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness. He has a keen business mind. He's highly motivated, as well as ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right hand man.

3 Inadequacies of the Disciples:

1. Lack of Understanding

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." -Matthew 16:21-23

Jesus' Solution to their lack of understanding: Instruction (Acts 1)

2. Lack of Commitment

48 And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." 50 And they all left him and fled. -Mark 14-48-50

Jesus' Solution to their lack of commitment: SUPPLICATION (John 17, Matthew 6)

3. Lack of Humility

33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. -Mark 9:33-34

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. 21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." -Matthew 20:20-21

Jesus' Solution to their lack of humility: EXAMPLE (John 13)

- Longfellow could take a piece of paper worth nothing, write a poem on it, and make it worth thousands – that is called genius.
- Rockefeller could sign his name to a blank check and it would be worth millions – that is called riches.
- A mechanic can take a fifty dollar piece of material and make something out of it worth hundreds – that is called skill.
- A painter can take a fifty cent piece of canvas and splash something on it and make it worth thousands – that is called art.
- **Jesus Christ can take worthless, sinful people, cleanse them by His blood, and blend them together to promote His cause – that is the greatest miracle of all, and that is called grace.**

HE TURNS MISFITS INTO MISSIONARIES