

SERMON NOTES #135

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The Master's Men – Andrew, James the son of Zebedee, John

God is able to use in His service any kind of person who **submits** to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

The apostles were **common** men - They were saints in the sense that every believer is a **saint**.

I. ANDREW - "MANLY"

Messiah = **Christ**"

Jesus called Peter & Andrew into discipleship **training**.

Andrew demonstrated an eagerness to **introduce** others to His Lord.

John depicts Andrew **bringing others** to the Lord.

1.) Andrew was open and lacked **prejudice**.

2.) Andrew was characterized by simple but **strong faith**.

3.) Andrew also appears to have been **humble**.

He was **content** simply to belong to and serve Jesus.

Andrew is the **model** for all Christians who labor quietly in humble places.

Andrew was that **rare** person who is willing to take second place.

Andrew is the person that all leaders **depend** on and who are the backbone of every ministry.

Sometimes it takes an Andrew to **reach** a Peter.

II. JAMES THE SON OF ZEBEDEE

James and John were **inseparable**.

James and John were hateful and **intolerant**.

James had much zeal but little **sensitivity**.

In his resentment of the Samaritans' rejection of Jesus he reflected a commendable **commitment**.

Jesus did not return **evil for evil** (I Pe.2.23), and He forbids His followers to do so (5.38-42).

James and John displayed more natural **reliability** than Peter.

James and John were brazenly **ambitious**.

Herod **singled out** James for arrest and execution.

James became the first apostolic **martyr**.

Zeal is a great **virtue** – But ...

Without love, the most dynamic & dedicated zeal—
even in the Lord's own work—
is nothing (I Co.13.1-3).

James gave his life as a brief & **dying sacrifice**.

John gave his as a long & **living sacrifice** of service.