

Peter--He has just come from the beach. He has just entered middle age. Already bald and fringes of hair that remain are already gray. His hands are rough and calloused. His fingers are strong. He smells of fish. He is uncouth, not at all refined, or cultured or educated. Blustering, blundering, clumsy, impulsive. He does not strike us as material for the ministry. He is too old. Of course want an experienced M.D. or lawyer but not preacher. When provoked he is liable to burst into profanity and his vocabulary is lurid. Can you imagine this big fisherman as a disciple of Jesus. No, we'd better send Simon back to his nets.

Nathaniel--Notice how the ladies greet this next candidate. He will have their vote right away. We are all drawn to him and the men, however grudgingly, have to admit that he is handsome. He walks with an easy grace. There is nothing effeminate about him, but he is gentle, refined, every inch a gentleman. Endowed with all the social graces who could possibly have a word against him. His smile melts your heart. He never soils his hands. He is an introvert--a dreamer. But don't you know that the work of the Lord demands extroverts, men who are interested in other people. He is not the type.

Andrew--First to be called. Shows importance of little people. We wouldn't choose him. He is the companion. If Peter were along he would do all the talking. He would even do the thinking. He was second fiddler. No personality whatever that means!

James and John--Blustering fishermen. Sons of thunder. Always got their way. Little patience. Not popular with other fishermen. Would want to be X's chief lieutenants if were His disciples.

Judas. Leader of underground. Too great a risk. Would want to bring kingdom by power.

Matthew. Quisling. Soldout to Rome. No friends. Money alone impresses him. Worst of all he is a genealogist.

~~James~~ Thomas. Slow, acutious. No faith. All proof. He has only 2 speeds--dead slow and stop. From Missouri.

Plutiny - worse than Andrew. Dull. Mentioned in
12:21 where he consults Andrew
14:4 - 2nd show in the Father