

PERSONAL WORK---THE IDEAL ILLUSTRATION.

The story of Andrew. Jno.1:42.

Little is known of Andrew. He is mentioned in the N.Test. three times: Jno.1:40;6:8;12:23

THINGS SAID OF ANDREW IN JOHN CH.1.

1. Disciple of John the Baptist. Jno.1:35;40.
2. Simon Peter's brother. Jno.1:40.
3. Companion of Apostle John. Jno.1:37.
4. He had followed, spoken to, and stayed a night with Jesus. Jno.1:37-38.
5. He led his brother Simon to Jesus. Jno.1:41.
6. He gave a testimony to what he had found:-
He saw in Jesus-O.T. prophecy fulfilled.
He evidently knew the Scriptures and consequently these prophecies.
He connected them with Jesus--and found the Messiah.
7. Malachi had spoken of Elijah--John the Bap.
John bore witness to Jesus.
Andrew believed the testimony of John.

ANDREW MENTIONED AGAIN IN CH.6:8.

1. He is called the brother of Peter.
2. He saw the possibilities in the little boy.
3. He was quite evidently diffident, yet believing, and certainly hopeful. Note the "But what are these among so many". It is self depreciatory.

ANDREW IS MENTIONED A THIRD TIME. 12:22.

1. The story of the Greeks that came to Philip.
2. Philip told Andrew.
3. Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

THREE MENTIONS OF ANDREW FIND HIM DOING PERSONAL WORK.

He led his brother to Christ.
He led the little boy to Christ.
He led the Greeks into the presence of Christ.

PERSONAL WORK--THE STORY OF ANDREW.

WHAT ANDREW'S EFFORTS IMPLIED.

1. CONSCIOUS AND CONSECRATED EFFORT.

- a. In his prayer life. The work he did has its origin in prayer.
- b. In his workaday life--He gave a testimony.

2. AN EARNEST LOVE FOR HIS FELLOW-MEN.

- a. There is no soul-saving without soul-loving.
- b. Note the illustrations in missionary work.

3. PERFECT CONFIDENCE IN THE SAVIOUR.

- a. Others had this. The four men who brought the palsied man to Christ.
- b. The woman who touched His garment.
- c. Blind Bartimaeus.

4. PERFECT SATISFACTION WITH THE SAVIOUR.

- a. This is a necessary motive in personal work.
- b. Illustration: the salesman and his goods.

5. THE DIRECT OUTCOME OF HIS CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

- a. What he did he did naturally. He was full of his theme.
- b. He did it enthusiastically.
- c. He did it intelligently. He had 3 things: Experience and teaching of John Knowledge of the Word of God--re Messiah. The hope of all the Jewish race.

6. CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT WITH GOD IN HIS THOUGHT FOR THE WORLD.

Laborers together with God.

"Witnessing Thy power to save me
Setting free from self and sin.
Thou hast bought me to possess me
In Thy fulness Lord come in".