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Paper 139 — The Twelve Apostles

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Source for these passages in Paper 139

- (1) **Speer**, Robert E., *Studies of the Man Christ Jesus* (New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1896)

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III: SOME ACTIVE AND PASSIVE
TRAITS OF HIS CHARACTER (Speer

75)

1. ANDREW, THE FIRST CHOSEN

139:1.11 Every one of the apostles loved Jesus, but it remains true that each of the twelve was drawn toward him because of some certain trait of personality which made a special appeal to the individual apostle.

I. *Sincerity*. (Speer 75)

“When I trace the unaffected majesty which runs through the life of Jesus,” declared Channing, “and see Him never falling below His divine claims amidst poverty and scorn in His last agony, I have a feeling of the reality of His character which I cannot express...” (S 76).

Andrew admired Jesus because of his consistent sincerity,

his unaffected dignity.

2. SIMON PETER

VI. *Tenderness*. (Speer 89)

139:2.5 The one trait which Peter most admired in Jesus was his supernal tenderness.

3. JAMES ZEBEDEE

139:3.6 That characteristic of Jesus which James most admired was the Master's sympathetic affection. Jesus' understanding interest in the small and the great, the rich and the poor, made a great appeal to him.

4. JOHN ZEBEDEE

139:4.6 Those characteristics of Jesus which John most appreciated were the Master's love and unselfishness; these traits made such an impression on him that his whole subsequent life became dominated by the sentiment of love and brotherly devotion.

5. PHILIP THE CURIOUS

139:5.6 The one quality about Jesus which Philip so continuously admired was the Master's unfailing generosity. Never could Philip find anything in Jesus which was small, niggardly, or stingy, and he worshiped this ever-present and unfailing liberality.

6. HONEST NATHANIEL

139:6.8 Nathaniel most revered Jesus for his tolerance. He never grew weary of contemplating the broadmindedness and generous sympathy of the Son of Man.

7. MATTHEW LEVI

139:7.4 It was the Master's forgiving disposition which Matthew most appreciated.

8. THOMAS DIDYMUS

X. *The perfect balance of His character.* (Speer 119)

139:8.7 The other apostles held Jesus in reverence because of some special and outstanding trait of his replete personality, but Thomas revered his Master because of his superbly balanced character.

1. He was lovingly merciful and inflexibly just. He combines these qualities in His instructions to His disciples (Matt. v. 48; Luke vi. 36) (S 119).

Increasingly Thomas admired and honored one who was so lovingly merciful yet so inflexibly just and fair;

3. He was firm, but not obstinate (John xiii. 1-11). [Etc.] (S 119)

so firm but never obstinate;

4. He was calm and self-contained, but not indifferent (Mark iv. 37-41). [Etc.] (S 120)

so calm but never indifferent;

6. He was helpful, but not officious (S 121).

so helpful and so sympathetic but never meddling or dictatorial;

7. He was strong, but not rough; vigorous, but always gentle (S 121).

so strong but at the same time so gentle; so positive but never rough or rude;

8. He was feminine, but not effeminate. We see His unsurpassed delicacy and tact in the story of the woman with the issue of blood... His womanly tenderness was scarcely less apparent when, a few hours later, He addressed the little maid, Jairus's daughter, in her own tongue, and with motherly solicitude provided at once for the child's needs (S 121-22).

so tender but never vacillating;

9. He was innocent and yet forceful (S 122).

so pure and innocent but at the same time so virile, aggressive, and forceful;

10. He was courageous, but never rash or foolhardy (S 123).

so truly courageous but never rash or foolhardy;

VIII. *His broad human knowledge and interest in nature.* (Speer 99)

Now it is not surprising that a good man should love and study nature, for the **love of nature** and nature's society is a sign and fruit of unselfishness.... But even Jesus' love of the open air and the country life and the warmth of the sun on sea and mountain gave way to the stern work and stress of life and suffering (S 104).

such a **lover of nature**

but so free from all tendency to revere nature;

IX. *The universality of His character.* (Speer 105)

Jesus "is never said to have laughed, and yet He never produces the impression of austerity, moroseness, excessive sadness, or being ever unhappy. We could not long endure a being whose face was never moved by laughter or relaxed by **humorous play**; yet we have sympathy with Christ, for there is somewhere in Him an ocean of deep joy ..." (S 117).

so **humorous** and so **playful**,

but so free from levity and frivolity.

It was this matchless symmetry of personality that so charmed Thomas. He probably enjoyed the highest intellectual understanding and personality appreciation of Jesus of any of the twelve.

9 and 10. JAMES AND JUDAS ALPHEUS

II. *Simplicity.* (Speer 77)

139:9.6 James Alpheus especially loved Jesus because of the Master's **simplicity**.

[contd] One who knew Thomas Chalmers well wrote of him, “In simplicity he was a child. By simplicity we do not mean the simplicity of the **head**; of that he had none; but we refer to a certain quality of **heart** and of life which gives a directness of all actions, and a certain beautiful unconsciousness of self—an outgoing of the whole nature that we see in children...” (S 77).

III. *Humility*. (Speer 79)

IV. *His unselfishness and personal dignity*. (Speer 82)

It is not easy for one to combine the **humility** of self-effacement with larger personal power and great **personal dignity** (S 85).

III. *Humility*. (Speer 79)

Again and again He **enjoined silence** on those who were subjects of His miraculous cures (Matt. ix. 30; xii. 15,16; Mark i. 43,44) (S 81).

VII. *The perfect calm and evenness of His life*. (Speer 94)

[contd] “The impression made on us by the appearance of Christ is that of perfect repose, **calm** self-possession, serene self-reliance.... Everything which He began was accomplished with **assurance**, and inevitably attained its object...” (S 94-95).

4. In the last bitter experiences of His life He bore Himself with even **composure** (S 96).

These twins could not comprehend the **mind** of Jesus, but they did grasp the sympathetic bond between themselves and the **heart** of their Master.

139:9.7 Judas Alpheus was drawn toward Jesus because of the Master’s unostentatious **humility**.

Such **humility** linked with such **personal dignity** made a great appeal to Judas.

The fact that Jesus would always **enjoin silence** regarding his unusual acts made a great impression on this simple child of nature.

11. SIMON THE ZEALOT

139:11.5 The one thing about Jesus which Simon so much admired was the Master’s **calmness**, his **assurance**,

poise, and inexplicable **composure**.

12. JUDAS ISCARIOT

139:12.4 There was no special trait about Jesus which Judas admired above the generally attractive and exquisitely charming personality of the Master.