

Characteristics of an Early Adopter

Encounters With Jesus, part 1

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Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (also called Peter), then Andrew (Peter's brother), James (son of Zebedee), John (James's brother), Philip, Bartholomew (Nathanael).
Matthew 10:2-3 (NLT)

Lessons from Nathanael, one of Jesus' first disciples

1. Cultivate a love of scripture

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.' 'Nazareth!' exclaimed Nathanael. 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?'
John 1:45-46 (NLT)

2. Develop true character

As (Philip and Nathanael) approached, Jesus said, 'Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.'
John 1:47 (NLT)

3. Embrace an eager faith

'How do you know about me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, 'I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.' Then Nathanael exclaimed, 'Rabbi,

you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!' Jesus asked him, 'Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.' Then he said, 'I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.'
John 1:48-51 (NLT)