



“Now these are they who came to David at Ziklag....” 1 Chronicles 12:1

Personal reasons for coming to Jesus Christ are varied, but there are some basic motivations that govern the beginnings of our spiritual walk. As we quickly examine the motivations for men coming to David we most likely will see ourselves in our coming to the Jesus.

At first they came to David because of their own personal needs. “Everyone who was in distress... in debt... discontented gathered themselves to him.” (1 Samuel 22:2) Often people will only come to Jesus when they are faced with their inability to cope with life’s hardships and difficulties. “My strength is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9). Fear also plays its role in bringing men to Christ. After all, isn’t this the work of the Law – to strip away all of our pride and personal confidence – to strip away all of our smug self-importance and leave us naked before the Judge without an argument as to our guilt? (Romans 3:19-20; 1 Chronicles 12:19-20)

And finally, there are those who come to Christ because they are men of vision. They have seen beyond the vanity of this life without the Creator’s purpose operating in their lives and have been confronted with the reality of eternity in the face of Jesus! Forever changed, they now set their faces to the Kingdom’s purpose. “Men of Issachar, who had understanding of the times.” (1 Chronicles 12:32) “One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew.” (John 1:35-40).

Whatever your motives are for following Jesus; never stay at a distance from Him. Draw near to Him, until you too, have a personal and abiding relationship with Him.