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MATTHEW, THOMAS, PHILIP, AND BARTHOLOMEW

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God desires each of us to contribute to the growth of the church. He has called each of us to preach the gospel.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God chooses whom He wills to be His vessels. He loves us and desires for our faith to be strong.
<i>Good Work</i>	Be courageous in evangelizing for God. Pursue a full understanding of the Scriptures.

A. Matthew's Servitude and Characteristics

Understood that he was a sinner: Matthew’s wealth, position, and social status did not stop him from following Jesus, and he showed both humility and an awareness of his own status as a sinner.

B. Thomas’ Servitude and Characteristics

Willing to follow Jesus to whatever end: From John 11:16 and John 14:2–24, we can see that Thomas was anxious to follow Jesus and wanted to understand how.

Went from doubt to affirmation: Thomas did not believe the others’ testimony that Jesus had returned; he wanted physical proof. Jesus did not rebuke him for his lack of faith, however, and showed Himself once more. Thomas’ awestruck reply shows his increase in faith and his understanding of both Jesus’ resurrection and His deity.

C. Philip’s Servitude and Characteristics

Eager to preach for the Lord: As soon as Philip became a disciple, he went to his friend Bartholomew and invited him to come and see Jesus.

Enthusiastic about pursuing the truth: When Jesus taught about the Father, Philip asked for clarification, prompting Jesus to elaborate and impart an important teaching (Jn 14:8–11).

D. Bartholomew’s Servitude and Characteristics

Well versed in the Scriptures: Philip’s reference to the Scriptures clearly implied Bartholomew’s own knowledge and understanding, and it was likely his scriptural understanding that allowed him to perceive Jesus’ identity.

Had a heart with no deceit: As Bartholomew approached, Jesus immediately praised him, saying, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” (Jn 1:47).

Life Application

1. Recognize our gifts and use them to serve God.
2. Take courage in preaching and letting others see Christ in us.

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Junior 1 Year 1 Book 3 Lesson 7 – Student Handout

Lesson 7 Homework Assignment

Matthew, Thomas, Philip,
and Bartholomew

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Peter 4:10):

1. What is a steward? How do we become good stewards?

2. What were two of Matthew's characteristics, and how did he show them?

3. What important actions must we take in order to follow Christ as closely as Thomas did?

4. What were Philip and Bartholomew's characteristics?

5. What gifts do you have? How can you use it or them to serve God?