



# The Hearts God Used



**Power Hungry  
& Self Centered**

**Words we often use  
for these people: Good**

**Determined**

**Energetic**

**Resourceful**

**Enterprising**

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**Go Getter**

**Zealous**



**Words we often use  
for these people: Bad**

**Come on Strong**

**Driven**

**Pushy**



# **Four Signs This could be You**

**You Frequently Say I/Me/My**

**You Don't Hear Bad News**

**You're Angry When You're  
Not In Charge**

**You Distrust Your People**





**God Says  
I Can Use That**



# **James and John**

# **The Brothers: James & John**

**They were Peter's  
business partners**

**They were probably somehow  
related to Jesus**

**They complete what is usually  
considered the inner circle of the  
disciples**

**Powerful Family**







**Showing Their  
True Motives**



**True Motives**  
**Matthew 20:20-22**



# **True Motives**

## **Mark 10:35-44**

# **True Motives**

**James and John were not satisfied with being disciples of Jesus they wanted a place of prominence**

**They wanted people to OOOOh and AAAAh over them**



# **Be careful what you ask for**

**But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.**

**Luke 12:48**





**Showing Their  
True Colors**

# **The Nickname**

**James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”)**

**Mark 3:17**





# **The Request for Power Luke 9:51-56**



# **The Request for Power**

**They were asking for  
the power of Elijah**

**Their answer to opposition  
was destroy it**

**No Compassion**

**Judge, Jury and Executioner**

**They asked Jesus for this power**

**Rebuked**





# Their Ministry



# **James to the Left**



# **John to the Right**



**Power Hungry  
to Powerful**



**Burning Bright  
for Jesus**