

John the Baptist

1. Child of *Godly Parents*



Lk 1:5 Zacharias is
a Levitical priest

Lk 1:5 Elizabeth is
of Aaronic priestly line. John could'a been a priest

Lk 1:6 Both Parents were: "*Righteous* in the sight of God, *walking blamelessly* in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord." *Obedient, dedicated*

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2. John was a *Child of Promise*



Name Chosen by Heaven (Lk 1:11-13)

Great Beyond prior prophets (Lk 1:14-15)

Dedicated No wine or strong drink (Lk 1:15)

Spirit Filled From birth (Lk 1:15) Called as prophet

Evangelistic Turn back many to Lord (Lk 1:16 -17)

Powerful Spirit & power of Elijah (Lk 1:17)

But ***Not*** Miraculous (John 10:41)

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A. Life of *Self-Discipline*

Garment of camel's hair
(Mat 3:4) Coarse, cheap.

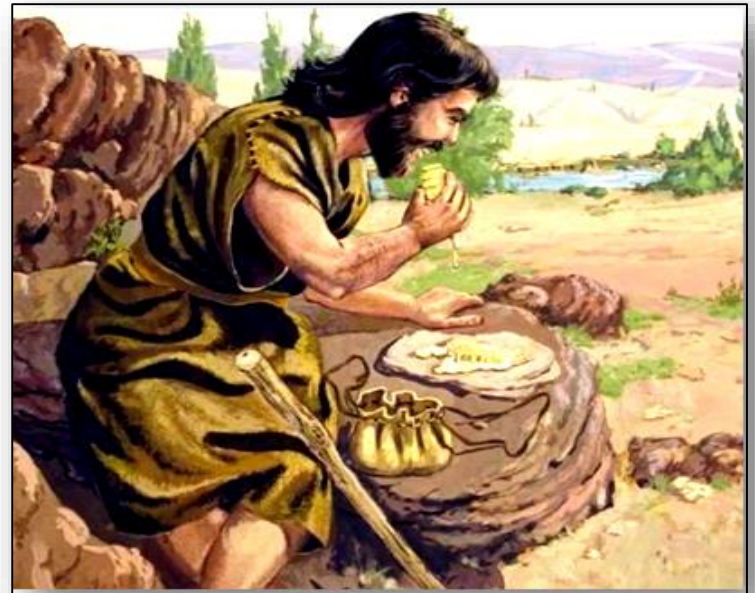
Food was locusts (Mat 3:4)
Grasshopper *50% protein*.

More dense in protein than cows!

Remove wings, head, legs- then roast / grind up.

Wild honey (Mat 3:4). High *energy, 80% carbs*.

How about *OUR* life? (2 Pet 1:6) Add self-control



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B. He spoke **Courageously** (Mat 3:7-9)

CEV Mat 3:7

You bunch of snakes!
**Who warned you to run
from the coming judgment?**

**CEV 3:8 *Do something* to
show that you have really given up your sins.**

Pharisees were professional *hypocrites* Mt 23:13
Sadducees were Bible-denying *liberals* Acts 23:8

Eccles 3:7 There's a time to be **silent & to **speak**.**



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C. Life of **Humility** (Mk 1:5,7)

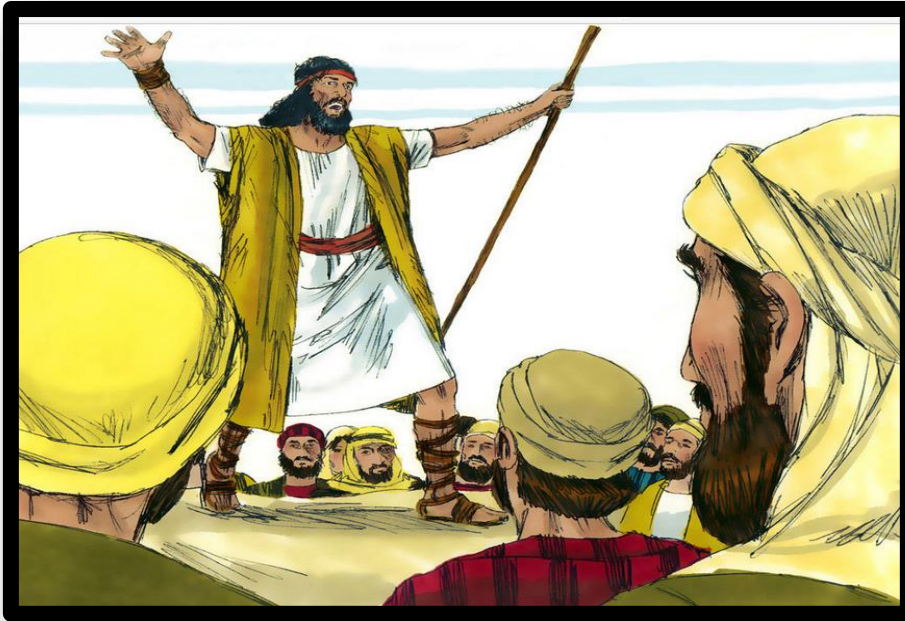
All Judea going out to hear him— what's his attitude?

Mk1:7 "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, **and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.**"

What's our attitude? (Phil 2:3-4) Who's more impt?

Am I **the very least of all saints** ? (Eph 3:8) Do I see other people's *gifts & dedication* as massive ?

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D. *Work* to do
(Mat 3:2-3)

Preaching: Repent for
kingdom is at hand –
Make ready..

(Isa 40:3-8) Every ravine **lifted up**.. Hill brought low

You feel not **good** enough? Or too **busy** to serve?

Heb 10:24 Stimulate. Rom 12:7-8 Exercise gifts.. 6

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E. He fulfilled his

Mission

(Jn 1:28-34)



John 1:33 **And I did not recognize Him**, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, "He upon whom you see the Spirit descending & remaining upon Him, this is the one."

David, after he had served the **purpose of God** in his own generation fell asleep. (Acts 13:36)

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F. Man of *Great Honor*
(Mat 11:11)

“Among those born of women..
none arisen greater than
John the Baptist.”

Not Anyone? Abraham? David? Isaiah?
Noah? Enoch? Melchizedek?

John was the greatest man *closest* to the kingdom!

But **YOU** are IN IT ! (Gal 3:27; Col 1:13)