

One Person

Matthew 3:1-12 "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" 4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." NIV

Quality #1: Our Purpose Must Be _____

Matthew 3:3 "This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" NIV

Quality #2: Our Message Must Be _____

Matthew 3:1-2 "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." NIV

Matthew 3:6 "Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River." NIV

Quality #3: Our Actions Must be _____

1 Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." NIV

1 Corinthians 11:1 "And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ." NLT

Matthew 3:8 "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." NIV

St. Francis of Assisi

"Preach the gospel. Use words if necessary."

Quality #4: Our Attitude Must Be _____

Matthew 11:11 "I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!" NLT

Matthew 3:11 "'I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'" NIV

John 3:30 "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." NLT