

35. *Less Is Indeed More*



Over a century ago in central London three devout sisters achieved their dream of building a church in the slums to honour their father and serves the poor. This has the peculiar title of: *The Church of Saint James The Less*. (<http://www.sjtl.org/>).

It makes one wonder, “Does Less, mean there is insufficient seating inside, or is the patron not fully a Christian, or was he a quadriplegic....? Why *Less*? James was the half brother of Jesus, of lesser stature than the other two James, but he was favoured with an apparition of the post resurrection Christ, (I Corinthians 15: 7) and served faithfully.

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You deal with students who have inertia in learning, or perhaps you have a class labeled the worst in the school. You might have interaction with some shy and sullen students, damaged in their unfolding life. In your school they have an unofficial title, Santiago, The Less or Michelle, The Less, or Ric, The Less. They are not easy students to interact and work with. As a Christ bearer you understand that they come from a different quarry to most of their peers. Through your patience and kindness God is going to fashion entrepreneurs, entertainers and evangelists out of them. They are of a different stock and are harder to shape. As future agents of the Kingdom of God they are going to be more hardy and creative, and more compassionate because they remember the quarry from which they were cut and the craftsmanship of people of real caliber who didn't give up on them— professionals like you!