

MINISTRY STRUCTURE – CONT.

Exodus 18:13–27

Things to beware regarding Jethro’s advice.

1. The problem (reviewed.) Vs 13-16

2. Jethro’s criticism. Vs 17-18

- “The thing that thou doest **is not good.**” Who says what is good?
Genesis 3:6 compare vs 7-8

What is _____ according to God is all that matters! What is _____?

- “Thou wilt surely wear away.” – what about God’s call on his life?
Deuteronomy 34:7

Moses (and you too!) had the _____. **Psalm 55:22; Isaiah 41:10; 40:28–31**

- “this thing is too heavy for thee” – Well, where does needed strength come from?

Any service for the Lord is _____ your ability.

The power for any ministry that God has you in should not come _____ you.

Zechariah 4:6

We have help! **1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 11:28–30**

- “thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.” God already had been strengthening Moses to do exactly that!

KEY: You can _____ the work that God gives you! It is HIS _____ that is sufficient to the task He assigns!

- At the same time, the burdens that God gives us to carry should be viewed with a biblical _____.
2 Corinthians 4:16–18

3. Jethro’s counsel. Vs 19-23

- “I will give thee counsel”

Jethro thinks that he is the right expert to tell Moses how to do his job.

God had just used Moses to do the IMPOSSIBLE! Now Jethro is going to clue him in?

- Who should Moses “Hearken – unto?” Why Jethro? Moses could _____ at any time. **Deuteronomy 34:10; Exodus 33:11**

KEY: If you are going to lead God’s people, you must do what God says!

- The _____ with Jethro’s counsel. **Vs 21b-23**
His new job description?

“Able men” – these men had been at this for 3 whole months. **1 Timothy 3:6**

Some who “hated covetousness and feared God” were part of the rebellion in Exodus 32 and some were making trouble in Num 16:1-3 (Korah’s rebellion)

“Able men” must be _____ and filled with God’s spirit.

Do the math on the required number of judges.

What kind of overall quality of minister are you going to be guaranteed for the whole of this new leadership level? Again, **Exhibit A = Exodus 32.**

Good luck finding the number of quality leaders needed! **Proverbs 20:6**

- “*easier for thyself*” Is that what the servant of God requires? **Matthew 16:24–25**

Ministry service requires _____.

People want easy lives. What about the living the life of sacrifice that God calls believers to? **Luke 14:25–27; 2 Timothy 2:3**

Satan wants on fire believers to chill out.

Yes, you need _____. **Mark 6:31**

You also need something _____!

Example: The Apostle Paul. **Philippians 2:16–17**

4. Moses’ response. Vs 24-26

- Following the _____ counsel leads to disaster. **Genesis 3:17**

Example: Joshua. **Joshua 9:14–15**

- The result of harking to man? Moses was now relying on _____ instead of God! Moses ends up buying into Jethro’s assessment of his capabilities. **Numbers 11:14**

Moses became _____ on his father-in-law. **Numbers 10:29–32**

- **KEY:** When God solved Moses’ capacity problem, _____ **Numbers 11:16-17**

- **KEY:** We need to trust God for His _____ for solving our problems.

5. Jethro’s departure. Vs 27

- **KEY:** Jethro “went *his* way into *his* own land.” **Numbers 10:29–30**

- **KEY:** Beware counsel from those who are not _____ in the work.

The simple lesson that we need to remember.

When looking for a solution to a problem, the critical need: what does God’s Word say?! Measure all counsel and advice by the Word of God.