

The importance of Others

ACTS 6: 1-7

In this passage of the scriptures we see the church facing an issue due to a constant increase in the number of believers and as a result of that some people claimed that there was unfairness in the way people were being managed.

The main issue here is the importance of GOOD MANAGEMENT. You see God wants us to be good managers of all the resources He has given and invested in us; be it in whatever form it may come as, as it's our ability to manage what we have now that will bring a promotion, a recognition and even a good exposure for us in the future.

Often times than most, we pray to have more whereas we're unable to manage the little we already have but I believe that during this lockdown, the Lord is preparing people for greater responsibilities ahead.

In verse 2 we see that the issue was brought before the apostles; who shockingly enough didn't waste time blaming anyone for the bad management that was happening but instead they were prompt to give instructions in order to resolve the issue. Beloved I encourage you to be among those who seek for solutions every time there is a problem rather than those who complain and constantly look for who to blame.

Know that for every problem, there is a solution and that when you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit will give you the wisdom to not only deal with your problems but He'll also give you the ability to solve other people's problems too and in this verse we see that the solution proposed by the Apostle was to delegate in order to split the tasks.



DELEGATING is one of the most important management skills. God Himself is an expert in delegating even though we know that He can do everything on His own. The Bible says in Ephesians 4:11 that He has appointed ministries for the good functioning of the church; Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds and Teachers.

If you read in Exodus 18 from verse 13 till the end, you will see how Moses was advised by His Father in Law, Jethro, to appoint some leaders in different groups so that he, himself wouldn't get worn out with the amount of work he had to do and also to help the work be done more efficiently. Sometimes we lack efficiency in our work because we want to do everything ourselves.

There are people around us who are able to help us do our work efficiently. God never intended for man to be alone, not only with regards to marriage but even socially. There are some abilities that you may lack that someone else has and so instead of praying to have ALL the abilities possible to help you manage what you have, pray instead to have the right people who possess the abilities you don't have so that you can complement one another in achieving a common goal.

Most times, we put limitations on others as to what they can or cannot do based on their age or experience of which those might be relevant reasons but not actual obstacles. We, as Christians, have the responsibility to empower as many people as possible in order to do the work of God, to share the knowledge, wisdom and the know-how we have in order to equip others for even GREATER works than what we have initially done.

People should speak about us not because of ourselves but because of the works they see in others which are the fruits of our investment in them. A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better.

When reading verse 3, we see the Apostles asking the believers to choose seven men who are respected, of good reputation, wise and filled with God's Spirit, to be put in charge of these things. Here we see that our sanctification will attract the choice of people over us so let us not be careless about our reputation as the Bible says in 1 Peter 2:12, "Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world."

It's true that people will always try to accuse you and fight you for some things that you might not even have done but because of your right standing with God and your behavior through it all, they will repent and honor God because of you. Reason why the Bible say in Mathew 5: 16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

So 3 things to remember and pray about:

1. Be a GOOD MANAGER of the resources God has entrusted with
2. You cannot make it on your own so don't be self-centered, don't undermine others, learn to collaborate and share tasks in order to be more efficient in the work and obtain greater results
3. Don't get weary in doing good. Let your light shine so others will see the good you do and praise your Father in heaven because of it

PRAYER

Holy Spirit thank you for giving me today the WISDOM to manage well everything that you've put in my hands. Help me consider the input of those in my life, help me to never undermine anyone and help me build a good reputation around me in Jesus' name, Amen.

