

Perfect People That You Can Serve God With

“17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.” (Deuteronomy 8:17-18 KJV)

Finances are one of the most crucial things in the life of individuals, families, and the church and ministry. The men who joined David and supported him as king after Saul, as God had ordained, wouldn't have been able to assist him and serve God with him if they hadn't been able to sustain themselves. Let us read what the Scripture speaks about them:

“1 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. 2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite. 4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite, 5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, 6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, 7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. 8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; 9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. 14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. 15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. 16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. 17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18 Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. 19 And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. 20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that were of Manasseh. 21 And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host. 22 For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God. 23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. 24 The children of

Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. 26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. 27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred; 28 And Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. 29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. 30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers. 31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. 32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. 33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. 34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. 35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. 36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. 37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand. 38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. 39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. 40 Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.” (1 Chronicles 12:1-40 KJV)

From the above passage we can learn and conclude some important points of how to be perfect in serving God:

1. *They were armed*: “they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. 2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow,” “24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.” “34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand.” “37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.” (1 Chronicles 12:1-2, 24, 34, 37 KJV) The Lord had given those people a number of skills and they were mighty men and helpers to David. They were also armed. They had their own bows, shields and spears, and the rest of the instruments of war. God, who gave them skills, also gave them the instruments needed to do the ministry. There are people and churches contacting me and wanting to join the church ministry. They are extremely talented and highly skilled but when I start to communicate with them, I find that they are after material things and monetary benefits. So I conclude that they are joining the Church of God to fulfill a wrong motive. **Such people and ministries or churches will never be a blessing to the church. They are parasitic and are bad testimonies to others who will instigate others to abuse the church resources.**

2. They were healthy and well provided for: “whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains.” (1 Chronicles 12:8 KJV) Workers, who truly want to serve, do enjoy good health and are provided for by God. There are churches who communicate with me and when I begin to send them teaching, to direct them to do what is right they ask me to send them food to eat. God’s servants will not die because of hunger. If they are threatened with scarcity and hunger, it means that God is judging their sins. **Now those workers and churches, who ask for food to feed them, need repentance more than food and drink, and we need to teach them to rely on God and receive His blessing. The very same people pretend that they are caring for orphans and widows, but, in reality, rob the orphans of the food that is due to them and enlarge their own granary.**

I am not saying that we should not help the poor. I don’t mean that at all. We are recommended to help the poor and to feed the hungry. We need to keep a portion for the poor, “10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.” (Galatians 2:10 KJV) “33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” (Matthew 25:33-40 KJV) Jesus said, “8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.” (John 12:8 KJV) “29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.” (John 13:29 KJV) **We need to help the poor who are among us and do our part towards them as we are doing to the Lord. But those who want to join the church just to be fed are dishonest when they can earn their own living. Therefore, we need to consider how to direct them to Christ.** Once time I receive an email from a young minister who invited me to preach in a crusade. I thanked him for his invitation and told him that I needed to hear the voice of God to accept it. We kept communication and I made him understand that my focus is not only on evangelism but in discipling people based on Scriptures. I sent articles and teachings to him. At the same time this man was also in connection and communication with other ministries. When the time drew near and I was not involving myself with the crusade, he told me to send in my contribution. I sent him one of my books to read and study in order for him to be acquainted with the way we do our ministry. When he replied that he could translate it, I told him to read it first and discuss it with me to clarify points that he was unable to understand before he translated it. That was the last time I heard from him. He was willing to translate the book but he was not willing to read and study it. He wanted to translate it in order to ask for finances. **The point that I want to tell is that those who come and ask for food and money have what they need. They just want the easy way out by taking advantage of others all in the name of serving God. It will be most detrimental to include such people in the church and give them a role to play in the ministry, which I believe will ultimately enable corruption to seep into the church.**

3. They did not come to betray: We really need to wait upon God to bring the right people to be a part of the ministry as in the case of King David who built a mighty army of Godly men. “22 For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.” (1 Chronicles 12:22 KJV) **If we will not wait upon God, but do our own, we will certainly be trapped by wrong people who will betray us. But if we wait upon God to bring to us the right people, they will be an asset to the church ministry in church building and discipling and they will bring peace.** “17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18 Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.” (1 Chronicles 12:17-18 KJV)

4. They came and they knew what they needed to do: They came to turn the kingdom of Saul to David. Their mind was clear and they were fully oriented about the vision of God: “23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. (1 Chronicles 12:23 KJV) **The Church of God will be advancing with those who are sent by God to the church to serve and not merely to gratify their flesh.**

5. They have an understanding of the times: “32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.” (1 Chronicles 12: 32 KJV) **When we wait upon God, He will give us people who will aid us in taking the right decision in every circumstance. If people with wrong priorities and motives join the church, they will continue to confuse us with their wrong suggestions and feelings and try to squeeze out money from the treasury of the church to give vent to their wrong motives and purposes.**

6. They came with a perfect heart: “33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. 38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.” (1 Chronicles 12:33, 38 KJV) **They were in need of a right leader to lead them and to achieve the purpose of God in their lives. They recognized David as ordained and anointed by God, to be their leader.**

7. They were responsible to fund their journey and their staying: “39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. 40 Moreover they that were nigh them, even unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.” (1 Chronicles 12:39-40 KJV) **When God would bring us the right people, they will be responsible for their own expenditure. I don’t mean that we should not support their trips or staying expenses, but they should be responsible enough to spend out of what God had provided.**

My dear and beloved: Now review the points that we read about the men who joined the army of David and see how much you need to work out on yourself to be the perfect person in serving God and in doing His will.

1. **They were armed:** Are you using all what is giving to you to be well provided, ready and fruitful to serve God with the Church of God?
2. **They were healthy and well provided for:** Are you using all what is giving to you to replenish yourself and those under your care, to be ready and well prepared to serve God and in the direction that He is giving to you?
3. **They did not come to betray:** Is your heart clean and being honest person and love to work with those whom God had called to lead you?
4. **They came and they knew what they needed to do:** Are you well oriented and aware of what you need to do?
5. **They have an understanding of the times:** Do you value and understand the opportunity that God had given you and the required resources that he gave you to direct them to His purpose?
6. **They came with a perfect heart:** Is your heart is perfect and you are in full obedience to God's Word and to His will?
7. **They were responsible to fund their journey and their staying:** Are you a responsible person and willing to use your resources so you will not be a burden but a blessing to others?

Let us pray ...

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that teaches me the way to be perfect. Lord thank you for all the resources that you had given to me to provide for my needs and to make me blessings to others and fruitful for my service and ministry.*

Come now to God and repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your bad stewardship and not using your resources and finances in the direction that God wanted them to be. Repent and renounce your using the ministry and the service of God for financial gain. Repent of taking advantage of others and the resources of the church. Repent and cleanse your heart from the love of material thing, worldliness, jealousy and the love of power and the love of money. Repent of your non willingness to suffer for Christ, serve Him and go along His will and the plan that He had for you. Repent of your non willingness to help the poor and the needy. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to the teaching the I received in this message, to use the resources that you gave me wisely to serve you, and to prepare myself to be a blessing for others and to your church. Lord I commit myself to cleanse my heart from the following wrong motives and wrong principles in your service that are against your will and your plan _____.

Lord I commit myself to do the following good works that you had showed me to do for you and to serve you _____. Lord I commit to perfect myself according to your Word in order to be a good example for others to follow you. Lord I am willing to go and evangelize and reach new people with the gospel of Jesus.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and willing to amend their ways and perfect themselves to be useful fruitful and effective servants of your. Lord use their lives and their resources for your purpose and glory. Lord protect them and provide all their needs. Lord solve their problems and continue to guide them so they will continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church to continue to go on and do the works of yours. Lord we thank you for each and every laborer that you had added and given to your church. Lord uphold us with your grace and mercy and refill us all with your Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim your Word and your will to the people. Lord add to us new faithful workers to fill the vacant places in your church and ministries. Lord lead us to meet and work with honest people, and lord perfect each and every one of us that our lives will be fruitful and pleasant to you. Lord lead us to help those who are in need. Lord give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the Whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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