

## Co-Workers

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Read **Exodus 18:13-18** - a conversation between Moses and his father-in-law.

Moses was willing and obedience.

Moses father-in-law name was Jethro. Always there to support him.

### **4 things a leader has to do/be:**

1. To be an **intercessor**.

(Exodus 18:19) **Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel**, and God will be with you:  
Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.

2. A **feeder**.

3. To **lead** people.

4. To **train** people.

The follow verse proves the 3 things above ...

(Exodus 18:20) And **you shall teach them the statutes and the laws**, and **show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do**.

### ***Who will God choose to serve Him?***

God is looking for co-workers.

Co-workers are a necessity not a belonging. And the good ones are more worth than gold.

Organization leaders should know how to treat their co-workers with love and respect.

Do not simply put someone to a task because there was a need.

People are precious.

Co-workers are to work with each other, not against each other.

**5 qualities** you must have as a co-worker for the Kingdom of God (*even applies in your work place or school*):

**1. You must be an able man.**

That is to be qualified and capable.

It is wonderful if you have a strong spiritual life. But if you are not skilled and trained, often you will end up in a mess. Basically unproductive and useless in the sight of God.

*“The process to becoming skillful is as important as building character.” – Dr. A.R. Bernard*

You must have both, not either! - Skillful and character. If not you are equally useless.

## **2. You must be God fearing.**

Faith and reverence is as important to God as to each other.

When co-workers lose the respect for God, problems will arise. Hence the standards at what God is looking at will sink.

The church is a spiritual organism not a secular organization.

## **3. You must be man of truth.**

Truth is honesty, reliability, trustworthiness, accountability, dependability, an admitter of your mistakes.

Do not be quick to justify but quick to see your mistakes

Importantly, do not a man-pleaser.

People who say what they mean will mean what they say.

2 things you must be do when you are the man of truth:

- a) **Do not try to hide your mistakes.** Changing from your mistakes is the power point. So admitting it is the first thing to change.
- b) **Do not try to blame others.**

Do not think that when you make a mistake and that God will take away your everything. When you ask for forgiveness and repentance, then God will surely restore. God will remove you only at the point of time when you try to blame. Because only one truth remains, God must be able to trust you.

Faithfulness is complete loyalty to God. Faithlessness when arrive when you no longer can flow with the truth.

## **4. You must hate covetousness.**

**(1 Timothy 6:5)** useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

Do not take advantage of your position you are in.

Do not let money buy you.

God can let you have anything as long as it does not distract you from Him.

*(Just imagine how powerful “anything” can be!)*

God places certain people in certain positions and He will honor His decisions.

A co-worker must have an upright attitude.

*“The process to getting power is as important as the process of building character.” - Dr. A.R. Bernard*

In all your getting, you still must build your character.

Indecisiveness will cause a fall of your character.

#### **5. You must be someone who can bare the burden.**

**(Exodus 18:22)** And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.

Those who cannot bare burdens will end up bringing the organization down.

Leaders in organization are not supposed to hinder but to be co-workers.

A good co-worker will say to their superiors, *“I will support, strengthen and work with you on your visions.”*

#### **Conclusions ...**

*A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.*

*A basketball in Michael Jordan’s hands worth about \$33 million.*

*It depends whose hands it’s in.*

*A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.*

*A baseball in my hands is worth about \$19 million.*

*It depends whose hands it’s in.*

*A tennis racket is useless in my hands.*

*A tennis racket in Venus Williams’ hands is a championship winning.*

*It depends whose hands it’s in.*

*A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.  
A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.  
A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*Two fishes and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.  
Two fishes and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.  
Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.  
It depends whose hands it's in.*

*As you see now it depends whose hands it's in.  
So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dream, your families and your  
relationships in God's hands because ...  
**It depends whose hands it's in.***

*If you want these five qualities to work, whose hands are these qualities in?*

Put your life in God's hand. When you put your life in God's hands, all things will work out fine.

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