

LEADERS IN MINISTRY

- I. Chron 29:1 “The temple is not for man **but for the Lord**”
- A. Do we understand what The Church is do Look like, do we have a biblical mind set?
1. Man has changed the emphasis from having an increase of the presence of God come into our midst:
 - a. to focusing on what we can do to get man to come
 2. This is not to say that we are not to reach out to & minister to the needs of man
 - a. but we cannot effectively minister to man without God’s presence in our midst.
 3. **The Heart of God:** Ex 25:8 build a sanctuary.....”that I (God) may dwell among them”
- B. We must understand what God is building: 1 Pet 2:5
1. Note the building materials: “**living stones**” / The Born Again Believer
 2. Eph 2:20 -22 “a **dwelling place** of God in the Spirit”
 - a. “being fitted / built together” #1 Life of the Born Again Believer #2 Local Church
- II. David’s army a spiritual comparison to the local church: 1 Chron 12: 1-40
- A. “**Came to David at Ziklag**” David was not yet walking in the fulness of his calling, yet people came
1. They heard of the prophecies spoken over David’s life, head of David’s destiny
 - a. They believed it was a place where they could contribute thru their gifts, talents, anointing etc.
 - (1) Prv 18:16 “a man’s gift makes room for him”
 2. The nature of the people in David’s army: “**Mighty Men of Valor**” vs 8, 21, 25, 30
 1. **Def Mighty:** warriors
 2. **Def Valor:** valiant, virtue, war worthy, an army
- C. Nature of the people in David’s army: “**HELPERS**”
1. Vs 2 armed with weapons
 2. Vs 8 men of war
 3. Vs 8 fit / trained for battle
 4. Vs 23 ready, armed to the war
 5. Vs 35 & 36 expert in war
 6. Vs 37 experts...all instruments of war
- a. This is a prophetic picture of the believer called to the local church & serving in ministry
 - (1) 2 Tim 2:3 “A **good soldier** of Jesus Christ” & 2 Cor 10:4 “**weapons of our warfare**”
 4. “**HELPERS**”: speaking of being willing to contribute
 - a. Example: 1 Chron 12:18 “We are yours”
- D. Nature of the people in David’s army: **LOYALTY**
1. In 1 Chron 12: 17 **David challenges their motives:** “if you come peaceably to help me....but if to betray me”
 - a. 1 Chron 12:29 “had remained **loyal** to the house of Saul”: they had a testimony of being loyal
 - b. Jesus put a high premium on loyalty: Luke 22:28 “**Have continued with Me in My trials**”
 - (1) This is the formula for loyalty for which every Pastor is to use to measure th loyalty of a person
- E. Other forms of loyalty: 1 Chron 12: 33 & 38 “**could keep rank**”
1. The key that enabled them to keep rank regardless of the heat of the battle:
 - a. vs 33 “**not of a double heart**” Vs 38 “**a perfect heart**”
 - (1) David did not have to be concerned about them showing up, running in the midst of the battle, giving up
- III. Two Mature attributes of those serving in David’s army:
- A. #1 1 Chron 12: 32 “**had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do**”
1. They understood the season they were in & what needed to be done
 - a. David did not have to initiate everything that needed to be done
 - b. The Pastor should not have to initiate everything that need to be done within the ministry you are serving in
- B. #2 1 Chron 12: 30 “**famous throughout the house of their father**”
1. Due to your faithfully serving in your Heavenly Father’s House / Local Church
 - a. The fame / effectiveness of your ministry should be reaching people & drawing them into the local church
- C. Heb 8:6 “He (Jesus)a more **excellent ministry**” Def Excellent: surpassing
1. Jesus ministers to us with excellence and we should offer people the same excellence thru our ministry