



## “Leadership Lessons” (Exodus 18)

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**Last week:** Ex. 17, God did great things through the Hebrew leader Moses. But he did it with the help of Joshua leading the battle, Aaron and Hur holding up his arms while resting on the Rock (picture of Jesus-Great reminder that the physical battle is only won through spiritual means). Moses by himself couldn't win the battle.

Did he learn the lesson?

**3 things that happen in response** to Moses' testimony and seeing firsthand the good hand of God.

1. **Acclamation-** for God's glory v. 10 Matt 5:16- let your light so shine among men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Mt 9- *Jesus heals a paralytic-* When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man. Praise!

2. **Awareness** v. 11. The scales have fallen off. What happened in Egypt? Many people left with Israelites.

3. **Adoration.** V.12- Romans 12:1-3 message.

Leadership lessons from Genesis 18: Power in application: does this reflect my life?

1. V8 **Encourager-** Quick to share the good things that God has done; especially when things were tough. How can I be an encourager? Especially regarding things that God has done in my life... (1. Recall what he's done and share 2. Look for opportunity to share 3. Cultivate a heart of thanksgiving in yourselves and others)
2. V. 15 **Sought to know God's will**, but it comes through knowing God's decrees and laws. Moses knew them because he spent time with the giver of the decrees. Wisdom is the correct application of Knowledge. How is my quiet time?
3. Jethro's advice: **Delegate or die.** Eph 4:11-13- equip the saints!
  - a. V.19 **Intercede** between the people and God. **–Your first job is as a godly leader.** 1994 *Swiss census-*  
\*Read more:<http://www.touchstonemag.com/archives/article.php?id=16-05-024-v#ixzz32H7IjYbP>
  - b. V. 20 **Model/demonstrate behavior** in personal and professional life – Am I modeling positive behavior to others?

- c. V. 21 **Select Capable men for leadership:** (characteristics)- Power here is to examine ourselves to see how closely we reflect this...
  - i. **Men who fear God-** Mt. 10:28 *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.* My decision making changes out of respect for God's authority in my life. 1 Peter 5- Exhorts elders/overseers then says they will receive their reward when the chief shepherd appears. Important: Even the top dog is an under-shepherd accountable to something higher.
  - ii. **Trustworthy men-** Freedom in turning things over to men you can trust. How do you become a person with a trustworthy reputation? Being a F.A.T. Christian. Faithful, Available, teachable
  - iii. **Those who hate dishonest gain.** – This person can't be bribed or bought.
- d. Appoint them over others in groups of varying sizes (Matt 25)
- e. Share authority- Danny's style.

4. Humility and teachable V. 24

5. V. 23 Benefits of this leadership:

- a. You won't burn out
- b. People will be satisfied. David's son was able to win the hearts because he gave them justice at the gate... obviously weren't getting justice.