

Kids Notes Exodus 18:13-27

I. Crazy Busy

Moses was “Crazy Busy”

Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening [Ex. 18:13]

The workload was _____!

He was a “One Man Show”

[14] *Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?*

Moses taught the Israelites God’s word.

He was their prophet, their counselor and their _____.

Jethro had the _____ to see that there was no way Moses could sustain this kind of pace

What you are doing is not good!

Reprove a _____ man and he will _____ you. (Proverbs 9:7-9)

Moses wasn’t the only one who was wearing himself out; the people were worn out too.

[18] *You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out*

Since Moses was the _____ judge, the people had to wait all day to get his attention.

_____ is the Reason Most of us are “Crazy Busy”

Consider these Killer P’s (from Kevin DeYoung)

1. **People Pleasing:** We say yes to too many people because we want them to _____ us.
2. **Pats on the back:** This is the most obvious kind of pride: living for _____.
3. **Performance Evaluation:** We tend to _____ our own performance.
4. **Possessions:** We stay busy because we want more _____.
5. **Proving Myself:** Some of us never rest because we are trying to prove something to our _____.
6. **Pity:** Let’s face it: people feel _____ for us when we’re busy.
7. **Poor Planning:** We make our week unbearable because we are too _____ to ask for help
8. **Power:** I need to stay busy because I need to stay in _____
9. **Perfectionism:** *I can’t make a _____*
10. **Position:** I do too much because that’s what people in my position are _____ to do
11. **Prestige:** *“If I keep pushing myself, I’ll finally be somebody. I’ll finally _____ . I’ll finally arrive.”*
12. **Posting:** _____ lies behind much of the social media revolution. It’s done for my name & fame!

Who is this for? Am I trying to do good or trying to look good?

Feed people, not your pride.

II. Select Capable Men

Jethro had a solution for Moses’ “crazy busy” problem.

Jethro realized that Moses needed some help from _____ men who would share the load.

[21] *Select capable men from all the people, men who _____ God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.*

1. **MEN WHO FEAR GOD:** Of first importance is a man’s _____ with God
A good elder is a **man** who reveres God and seeks to honor him in _____ he does.

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Rather than pursue his own agenda or fearing what people will think, his chief desire is to promote the _____ of God.

2. Men who are Trustworthy

A good elder is reliable. He keeps his _____.

3. Men who are not greedy for personal gain.

As an elder in Israel they had to serve as judges for the people.

You don't want a judge who takes _____ and corrupts justice.

4. Men who are Representative—select capable men from all the people (21)

'Choose some wise, understanding, and respected men from each of your tribes' (Deut. 1:13)

5. Men who share the burden—That will make your load lighter (22)

Once the elders were selected, they could help Moses bear the _____.

6. Men who are Humble and Teachable like Moses

[24] So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

A good leader listens to the advice of others and implements it.

The best teachers are _____.

III. Christ The King (CTK)

Elders (Pastors) at CTK

Men are put in charge of each of these groups to “share the burden and lighten the load”

1 Timothy 5:17 says, “*The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.*”

An elder's job is to do what Moses did in v.20

Teach them God's law, and show them the way to live (how they must walk and what they must do)

1. Select capable men who fear God and are _____!

Whoever aspires to be an elder must learn to fear God instead of men.

He must be a trustworthy man of character as described in 1 Tim. 3:1-7

2. Honor God by _____ to spiritual authority. Hebrews 13:17 says,

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Jesus is the Greater Moses

You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God (v.19b)

We have an even better _____ before God--Jesus Christ is our Judge and our _____!

There is only one Savior—that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must be _____ like John the Baptist who said, “*I freely confess I am not the Christ.*”

Our mediator between God and man who _____ grows weary or tired

He said, “*Take my yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy and my burden is _____.*”