



Words of Wisdom

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OBEDIENCE WORKS

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Ezra 5:2 “Thereupon Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua, son of Jozadak, began again to build the house of God in Jerusalem, with the prophets of God giving them support.” (NABRE)

Why is it that leaders and managers don't do what we perceive as “hard jobs”? Why aren't they on the pole changing electric cables, or in manholes fixing the drain?

This is because a leader's job is the bigger picture.

The leader oversees and makes sure that everybody does what is assigned to them. Zerubbabel and Jeshua, together with prophets Haggai and Zecharia (Ezra 5:2), got everyone involved in building the church. The text isn't specific, but I'm sure that Zerubbabel used his gifts of organizing and planning, while Jeshua used his chief priestly office and position to get people involved, as Haggai and Zechariah preached up a storm.

Teamwork, leadership, motivation, inspiration, exhortation, encouragement, compassion, skill, talent, and ability were needed to get the job done. This is why obedience to God's Word is inclusive. It includes not only the leaders and the prophets, but everybody.

Are you included in the work of this church? If you're not, why aren't you? What are you waiting for? You know what your gifts and talents are. Obedience is inclusive, so that means it includes you too!. In order for this church to do the work that God has called us to do, every one of us has to be involved. Let me ask you, are you obediently functioning?

Father, give me the courage to participate, share my talents and be involved in doing God's work.

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