

# 2017 theme:

## "THE DILIGENT HANDS WILL RULE" Pro 12:24

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Text: I Corinthians 4:2

"A person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful."

Since this year, at least, we have been praying for our hand to rule, ruling is over God's resources: People, Money, Land, Machines, Creatures, etc.

Our prayer this year, therefore, has been:

**"Lord make me a Manager?"**

God demands that if he puts us as a manager, we must PROVE faithful.

<sup>3</sup> Paul says: "As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point.

<sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide."

**.... If we cannot trust our conscience, or the judgement of people, what then can guide us until the day of God's judgement?**

**"The Holy Spirit of God guide us unto all truth." He will not speak on his**

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own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."  
.....John 16:13

We must, therefore, make every effort to pass our conscience test and also be in good standing with the Holy Spirit by obeying what he says to us. We must consistently ask the Holy Spirit for directions on how to do things right.

In **Isaiah 11:2**, bible says: "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him (You), The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."

This Spirit will guide us in to all truths, give us wisdom to follow through (if we allow Him).

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**John 14:17** "The world cannot receive Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you do know Him, for He abides with you and He will be in you."

"This Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children." Romans 8:16 "He groans on our behalf and His groaning reminds God of His covenant"

Our privilege of the Spirit was same as the privilege of Jesus that others had and some rejected to obey Him.

Their rejected Jesus did not stop the work:

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● In I Peter 2:6-8,

<sup>6</sup>As the Scriptures say,

“I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,  
chosen for great honor,  
and anyone who trusts in him  
will never be disgraced.”

<sup>7</sup>Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.”

<sup>8</sup>And,

“He is the stone that makes people stumble,  
the rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.



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Before the Holy Spirit's power on earth, rulers, who wanted to please God, depended on the Priest of God to guide them. For instance,

**In 2 Kings 12:** Joash the ruler reigned in Jerusalem forty years. <sup>2</sup> All his life Joash did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight because Jehoiada the priest instructed him. <sup>3</sup> **Yet even so**, he did not destroy the pagan shrines, and the people still offered sacrifices and burned incense there..... (***But that was a step in the right direction***).

<sup>4</sup> One day King Joash said to the priests, "Collect all the money brought as a sacred offering to the LORD's Temple, whether it is a regular assessment, a payment of vows, or a voluntary gift.

<sup>5</sup> Let the priests take some of that money to pay for whatever repairs are needed at the Temple."

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Brethren, Someone Elected As Manager Must Prove Faithful.

Once accountability lines are blurred, faithfulness is hampered:

Joash gave them free hand to collect the money and <sup>5</sup> let the priests take **some** (no defined amount) of that money to pay for whatever repairs are needed at the Temple.”

<sup>6</sup> But by the twenty-third year of Joash’s reign, the priests still had not repaired the Temple. <sup>7</sup> So King Joash called for Jehoiada and the other priests and asked them, “Why haven’t you repaired the Temple? Don’t use any more money for your own needs.

-- To ensure that we work towards faithfulness, we must set the tone, at every moment, to hold ourselves clearly accountable

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Until Joash set that tone for accountability, the Priests were very unfaithful with the money collected.

Don't use any more money for your own needs. **From now on, it must all be spent on Temple repairs.**" <sup>8</sup> So the priests agreed not to accept any more money from the people, and they also agreed to let others take responsibility for repairing the Temple.

<sup>9</sup> Then Jehoiada the priest bored a hole in the lid of a large chest and set it on the right-hand side of the altar at the entrance of the Temple of the LORD. The priests guarding the entrance put all of the people's contributions into the chest.



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<sup>10</sup>Whenever the chest became full, the court secretary and the high priest counted the money that had been brought to the LORD's Temple and put it into bags. <sup>11</sup>Then they gave the money to the construction supervisors, who used it to pay the people working on the LORD's Temple—the carpenters, the builders, <sup>12</sup>the masons, and the stonecutters. They also used the money to buy the timber and the finished stone needed for repairing the LORD's Temple, and they paid any other expenses related to the Temple's restoration.

**Brethren, remember that Joash set out to please God and he was committed to following the instructions of the Priest - Jehoiada**

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In conclusion, to ask to be elected a ruler, means asking to be elected a manager. **SOMEONE ELECTED AS MANAGER MUST PROVE FAITHFUL.** To ensure that we work towards faithfulness, we must set the tone and boundaries, at every moment, to hold ourselves clearly accountable.

**God Bless You and have a great week.**

# 2017 PRAYER POINTS

1. **Prayer over the message of today**
2. **“Lord, please extend your love to all nations through prayers offered on this alter (Psalm 117)**

Let our prayers be acceptable unto you.

## 3. **Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...**

- a. Be anointed leaders of honour like Cyrus (**Isa 45:1, Rm 9:21**)
- b. Give them spirit of humility in leadership and wisdom to lead well
- c. Any leader that fails to obey God's Word, should be replaced

## 4. **Troubles/Wars in nations.**

## 5. **Leave no room for diseases; cleanse our land**

## 6. **Missions/Ministries & Missionaries/Ministers**

## 7. **Marriages, Children & families**

## 8. **Members of the fellowship – grace to be diligent**

## 9 **Needs in fellowship**

