

CHIEF MINISTRIES

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Greetings in the name of the Lord,

I was taken to 1 Chronicles Chapter 12 and it spoke to me of the mighty men that came to David to assist him in turning the Kingdom of God back in proper alignment after Saul's Godly spirit had departed from him because of disobedience. *"But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him"* (1 Samuel 16:14 KJV). David's time was coming! Your time is coming! What I noticed in 1 Chronicles 12, verse 32 was that the tribe of Issachar was the smallest of the 337,000 men of war who signed up to help David. Why was that? Because leaders are hard to find. What made that tribe worthy of leadership? *"And of the children of Issachar, were men that had understanding of the times, they knew what Israel ought to do"* (1 Chronicles 12:32 KJV). Are you a man of wisdom and understanding? Back in 1 Samuel 18:14-15, *David behaved himself wisely in ALL his ways, and the Lord was with him, wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself wisely, he was afraid of him* (KJV). You know, I've been accused of being arrogant at times, but I feel people can confuse excellence and confidence and wisdom-living with being arrogant and prideful. Look at what David's brother told him in 1 Samuel 17:28 when David showed up proclaiming *"Who dare defy the armies of the living God?"* Eliab told him he was full of pride, he'd better watch himself and get back to the sheep. But destiny has a funny way of getting in the way. The hand of God will have His way in raising us up to our rightful position of being a Kingdom builder, history-maker and world-changer. Our destiny is to rule and reign with Him. But, we must bide our time. We must realize that we'll have to deal with areas in our lives as God shapes us to be leaders. What are you doing to shape your environment? Are you fulfilling your purpose? Your purpose is not just to go bumping through life with no direction or reason for existence. Our highest and ultimate calling is to lead someone to Christ. Proverbs 11:30 says, *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he who wins souls is wise."* That characteristic keeps popping up doesn't it? That's more of what's found on the next level my friends. Let's focus a minute on purpose by looking at the ant in Proverbs 30:24-28. They're little creatures seemingly not strong like a person, yet an ant can lift eight times its own body weight. Their drive, purpose and resourcefulness are legendary. I recently read the biography of Genghis Khan. He was hiding in a barn following a defeat in battle and his life was impacted by watching an ant. The ant, which was carrying a heavy load, attempts to climb over a board 71 times, tumbling off with every attempt. But ...on the 72nd try the ant succeeded! Genghis Khan decided that if an ant could have that much perseverance and make it, so could he. He led his troops to victory from that time forward. So don't focus on failures of the past or even the present problems you may be going through. Paul focused on the "purpose" – the winning of eternal souls. He called this the "heavenly vision" in Acts 26:19-20. Wise men of God should be leaders with purpose and vision, and like the ant, enter every day with a sense of urgency and motivation. The inward fire of the ant must be coupled with the wisdom of the rock badger which gains its strength from its associations in verse 26.

We must learn to partner up with other wise leaders and men of God. Usually, you are who you hang with unless you have attained the position that those you're ministering to know you will not compromise.

The locust are powerful in their partnering as well. In the air millions of them are almost strong enough to block out the sun's light. They control the atmosphere. Joel describes them as a side-by-side army that rush on the city and run on the wall. What a perfect illustration of what PRAYER can do! The breaking down of spiritual resistance is vital to soul winning. Prayer and fasting! Are you ready? Better yet, are you willing? What may be the results of these prayers? Penetration. Ever had a visit from an unwanted chameleon or gecko or lizard? Most likely it found a tiny hole in the masonry. It has no concern for status or position. One little hole and it's in. just as the lizard, when we begin to focus on the great commission as a united body, prayerfully seeking a way to bring Christ's love into the palaces or prisons of this world. God will make a way! Partner-up. In Luke 5:3, Jesus, getting into one of the boats, Simon's, He sat down. Peter at some point was "washing his nets" unmotivated to hear Christ preach on the beach, rather than waiting for Peter to join Him, Christ went to Peter and asked permission to enter his boat. Peter's "boat" was his "world". The secret to evangelism is to enter a person's boat and sit down. Discovering the needs and interests of the unbeliever and entering that person's world is good evangelism. We're challenged to be a lizard by penetrating the world in which the unbeliever is most secure. Every interest an unsaved person expresses is seen as a tiny hole in the stronghold of that life. The lizard aggressively penetrates that world, serving and ministering in every way possible. We must learn to penetrate to lead the unsaved men around us to Christ. You are a missionary in your pod, on your building. Jeremiah in chapter 20, verse 9 said, "but if I say, I will not mention him or speak any more in His name: His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in, indeed I cannot." Are we like that? I've had cellies in the past, as well as others ministering alongside me in the area of music ministry when challenged with, "Whose life are you impacting, are you leading? Are you catching?" We are to be fishers of men. Yet, I've received the open-mouthed look of stunned amazement that says "How dare you ask me that?" The light in Jeremiah was a FIRE! Not a Bic lighter. The Christian faith is to be a moving experience! The disciples left everything to follow Him.

So we must be active in this army of leadership. The men who came along side David in 1 Chronicles 12:33 came not with a double heart but in verse 38 a perfect heart, one heart. They were united! I believe we're united in heart men of God. We must be. The naysayers and non-doers will always be around. What's most important is what you are saying and doing. Let it all be for His glory.

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