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**Practical Christianity - Ministry Of Helps
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"He is the calm in the midst of the storm" The Lord is saying to those who are in a storm, an adversity or there are circumstances coming against you, that "He is the calm in the midst of that storm". The name of the Lord is a strong tower and the righteous run into it and are safe, "He is the calm in the midst of the storm."

Sometimes we think that church is all about serving "me or us". But that is not the case. Jesus came to minister to us; He didn't come to be ministered to. We need to develop the attitude that we are here to serve others, not to be served by them.

Our goal as a church should be to equip the people with the word of God, so that they can become extensions to help develop people and grow them in the local church. Sometimes this is can be challenging, even disappointing if we allow it to be so. We are called to serve and not just to be served.

Example given of Solomon, how his father David who had such wisdom and anointing in gathering a massive amount of wealth. David began instructing Solomon about the people he would have need of and how to deal with those who would come to him with great attitudes and willingness and abilities for every manner of work. The Queen of Sheba came to him and was amazed that the people working for Solomon were happy in what they did.

People are the happiest when they are serving and working with the God given talent that He has given them.

As the Lord begins to establish ministries in different parts of the world, much help is needed to enable those doing the ministry, the Lord raises up leaders, but it is almost fruitless unless there are those who assist the leaders, this is accomplished by helpers.

In the following scriptures, God tells how it takes all the members of the body to do the work, not just one and how dependent they are on each other.

1 Cor 12:18-27 *"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary 23And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. 25That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it 27Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."* KJV

It is the same way with the body of Christ. Without all those whom the Lord has given different giftings working together, the body of Christ is handicapped and not able to function at the

fullest capacity that He has planned

1 Cor 12:28 *"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."* KJV

Helps is mentioned with all the supernatural ministries and is as important as all the other gifts listed.

Eph 4:1 *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"* KJV

Paul said that he was a prisoner. A prisoner is subservient or obedient to the one that he is a prisoner of. We must take on that mindset and be obedient to the Lord we serve; there is freedom and liberty with this kind of attitude.

Col 3:17 *"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."* KJV

Helps ministry is giving our best, not second or third, but it demands our best because we are doing it for the Lord Jesus and not just man. With the many different members in the body of Christ, just one cannot do everything; it takes all the members working together

Helps means rendering assistance or to lay hold as to support. Helps inside the church and outside.

H - having

E - enough

L - loving

P - people

S - serving

1Chron 22:15 *"Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work."* KJV

David has come to the end of his life and is doing all he can to prepare Solomon to take over leadership. David encouraged him, telling him that the people would be with him, from the beginning until the end.

1 Chron 28:20-21 *"And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. 21And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, even they shall be with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment."* KJV

Psa 110:3 *"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth." KJV*

Psa 110:3 *"Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew." AMP*

Psa 110:3 *"Your people will freely join you, resplendent in holy armor on the great day of your conquest, Join you at the fresh break of day, join you with all the vigor of youth" Message*

The kingdom is being taken away from Saul and given to David. Saul was hunting David with intent to kill him, there were those men who came to David wanting to help, they had been rebels and discontented, but now were mighty men. Trained and equipped, ready to serve. They were helpers; they didn't come to take over.

1 Chron 12:1-2 *"Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. 2They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin" KJV*

1 Chron 12:17-18 *"And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band." KJV*

David was cautious at first regarding these men who had come to help him. Asking are you with me or against me? They assured him they had come in peace and were to be his helpers. David put them to work immediately.

David had three different anointings on his life, 1) as a shepherd boy, 2) he was anointed at Hebron and 3) he was anointed at Jerusalem. Each time required a greater responsibility from him.

1 Chron 12:21 *"And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host" KJV*

1 Chron 12:23 *"And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD." KJV*

1 Chron 12:38 *"All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king." KJV*

Later in David's reign, there began to be people who chose to do their own thing, but in the beginning, they were all in one accord, choosing to serve him.

Helpers must be of one heart, ready to do what needs to be done and to serve in any way that is needed. They must be in agreement with the leader, not wanting to do their own thing.

Exo 18:17-25 *"And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. 18Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. 19Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: 20And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do 21Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. 23If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. 24So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said. 25And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."* KJV

Moses was told to pray for the people, teach them and show them the way to go and the work they must do. Moses took the advice which his father-in-law, Jethro had given him.

Moses had the right to speak into their lives because of the prayer that had been offered. The importance of prayer was shown with the defeat of the Amalek's. Aaron and Hur were his helpers.

Exo 17:11-13 *"And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."* KJV

Joshua was a helper to Moses for 40 years and was in training to take over for Moses.

When we come to assist and help our leader of the local body of Christ we can expect and will experience victory.

Eph 4:15-16 *"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."* KJV

Every member in the body of Christ has a supply to hold us together.

Without prayer or ability or willingness the body cannot be held together.