

How To Lighten Your Load

Road Map: Finding God's Direction From Scripture

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That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

Exodus 18:22c

Main Idea: We lighten the load when we share the load!

I. Recognize The Losses Of A Few Carrying The Load

*You get worn out

*The people you serve get worn out

The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening.

*¹⁴When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?" ¹⁵Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and Instructions." ¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. **Exodus 18:13-18***

II. Become a Delegation Master

*Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. **Exodus 18:19-22b***

III. See The Win/Win When Everyone Shares The Load

That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

*²³If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." **Exodus 18:22c-23***

IV. Recognize The Critical Factor To Lightening Your Load

*People must be willing to share the load with you

*Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves. **Exodus 18:24-26***