

Delegation and Reproduction

To delegate -to entrust to another; to send as one's representative or as a delegate; transfer, assign, commit.

A delegate - a person empowered to act for another.

To reproduce - to cause the existence of (something of the same class, kind, or nature as another thing)

Have you ever wished you could be more than one person?

-To do all the things you would like to do?

Have you ever felt like you were required to be more than one person? (There are only so many hours in the day! There is only so much I can do! I only have 2 hands!). There was not enough of you to go around?

If you had more than one lifetime?

There is only one you--and only so much you can do...

-Therefore you need to learn to better utilize your talents and skills; how to more efficiently spread yourself around;

--Probably will require you to set goals

--Set priorities

--Time management

-Probably more importantly, must learn to reproduce yourself; be in more than one place at one time

--through printed page

--through electronic media

--through mentoring (usually for future generations)

---Father and son relationship

--teaching; instructing; disciplining

--Paul and Timothy

---Jesus and his 12 disciples

--Delegating (for present generation)

God's plan for delegation

-God's desire to reproduce Himself in the earth

-Man created in likeness and image of God; everything produces after its own kind

-God's will is for man to be his representative in the earth to do His work

God's delegated authority in the earth

- God operating through his body - Utilizing a body concept
- God's representation in the earth
 - an individual empowered with God's mind
 - an individual empowered with God's authority
 - an individual who acts in God's behalf to carry out his work and will
- God's delegated authority carrying out his governmental functions
 - five-fold ministry
 - elders and deacons

Delegation is the means of spreading yourself around and getting the most out of your calling and talents

In order for an individual to be qualified as one delegated with another's authority, must be trained in the way other individual thinks and acts; must be able to adequately act on the other's behalf--can only be done through proper reproduction--

- an individual must invest of himself in another
- requires first willingness on part of delegate
- must require proper time spent in instruction, disciplining for proper reproduction

Moses - (Ex. 18:13-27)

- The thing that thou doest is not good
 - thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee...thou art not able to perform it thyself alone
- Jethro's advise
 - Be for the people God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God
 - Teach ordinances and laws--shew them the way they must walk--show them the work they must do
 - Choose out able men to make them heads over the people...
- Instead of one Moses, there were essentially 71 Moses.
 - Not 70 additional Moses doing their own thing, but all with the same divine purpose seeking to fulfill the will of God through their leader.
 - Moses handled only the hard cases--those which could not be taken care of by the elders

Requires qualification on part of delegates

- Moses requirements
 - Able men that fear God
 - Men of truth who hate covetousness
- Some requirements:
 - Must have willing heart
 - Must have flexible, pliable, teachable spirit
 - Must be will to give up self for another; self-less attitude

- Must be trustworthy--worthy of trust
- Must be loyal; not carry out their own agenda, but that of their leader
 - Sec. of State or General of the army carries out wishes of President
 - Not like Congress; not adversary, or check and balances
 - Some elders and deacons assume the posture that their sole responsibility is to keep the pastor in line
 - Elders and deacons must have same vision and heartbeat of pastor
 - Pastor must impart that vision and heartbeat by communication

Requirement of leader

- Establish relationship
 - through sufficient time spent
 - through proper communication
- Must make vision clear (**Hab.2:2**)- *"...write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."*
 - First spend time with God to get the vision
 - Be sure of the vision yourself
 - Impart vision to delegates
- Must have clear channels of authority - who answers to whom
- Must give clear job descriptions (so delegate will know precisely what is required of him or her)
- Leader must have trust in delegates
 - Must be willing to let go
 - Must release delegates to do what they are commissioned to do
 - give responsibility
 - require accountability

Jesus is reproducing Himself through His body and delegated us to carry out His will

- A corn of wheat abideth alone unless it falls into the ground to die
- Who shall declare his generation? When his soul was made an offering for sin, then He saw his seed
- To reproduce ourself, we must be willing to give up of ourselves
- How often have we said that it would be easier to just go ahead and do it ourselves; we can do it faster than taking the time to teach someone else
 - that may be true now, but the end result will be greater by taking the time to invest in others
 - otherwise, we will continue to have a limited vision, because we ourselves can only do so much

Equipping others for the great harvest of ingathering that is to come