

The Church Needs Leaders!

Today's thought is "Let someone else do it!" That's not just in the church! It's virtually in every area of life! When we turn to Christianity, you would think things would be different. However, even Judiasm started very much the same way. After God told Moses His plan to free the children of Israel from Egypt, Moses made one excuse after another. Listen to the final couple:

Exodus 4:10-13 *Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."*

When you read the rest of the story, you do not find that God is very happy with Moses. On the contrary, He was angry!

The same is true today! When we make those same excuses or any others, God can become just as angry with us! The Church needs leaders! One day, sooner or later, we will have to replace one or more of the elders! Who will take their place? If all the men have attitudes like Moses' there will be no one. That's why Peter told the elders

1 Peter 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by **compulsion** but **willingly**, not for dishonest **gain** but **eagerly**;

It is an honor to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He sees fit! Yet if we do not prepare ourselves to serve, what will become of the church? Someone else may do it, but we may live through hundreds of years of wandering and slavery until someone does! The Lord is looking for willing, even eager leaders to serve Him! Will you take the job?

Love to all,
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The Memory Machine Verse:

1 Peter 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time