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mental or moral strength to venture, persevere,
and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty

The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. When 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?" Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good.

Exodus 18:13-17

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You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 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. Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. But 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.

Exodus 18:18-21

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Have 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. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

Exodus 18:22-24

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There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called--one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it...

Ephesians 4:4-7

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It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:11-16

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COURAGEOUS COOPERATION

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True Kingdom life is marked by godly
Cooperation.

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There comes a point when God desires to transition us from consumers into investors.

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THREE NECESSITIES OF KINGDOM COOPERATION

- ▶ Leadership Must Be Firmly Focused
- ▶ Capable Leaders Must Be Appointed
- ▶ People Must Be Served

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LEADERSHIP MUST BE FIRMLY FOCUSED

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Exodus 18:19-20

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Exodus 18:21

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WHAT DEFINES CAPABLE?

- ▶ God-fearing
- ▶ Trustworthy
- ▶ Hate dishonest gain

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GOD-FEARING

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

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TRUSTWORTHY

Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the spirit of his masters.

Proverbs 25:13

Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

Proverbs 25:19

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HATE DISHONEST GAIN

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

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PEOPLE MUST BE SERVED

If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.

Exodus 18:23

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