

MEN GOD USES

I Chronicles 12:16-40

The Lord is about to turn the kingdom of Saul to David. David has been restricted and closed in by Saul. The time has come for the new king to take over. David needs some men to step up who are devoted to making him king. What kind of men would that be? This passage reveals at least seven characteristics of the kind of men God used to turn the kingdom from the House of Saul to the House of David.

Please observe:

GOD USES LOYAL MEN (I Chronicles 12:16-19)

- Spirit led (v.18). c/p Acts 1:8
- We are yours (v.18) (I Cor.6:19-20; 7:23; I Peter 1:17-18)
- We are with you (v.18). We are on your side
Peace to you- (twice over) prosperity & success
Peace to him who helps you (v.18)
- Indeed, your God helps you (v.18). Your cause cannot fail.
- Received by David (v.18). He elevated them.

GOD USES EQUIPPED MEN (v.23-24)

- Equipped for war- Armed, made ready for battle, girded invigorated, with strength.
- With purpose (v.23) to turn the kingdom to him
- According to the word of the Lord (v.23)

GOD USES FAMOUS MEN (v.30)

The word means to make a name for one-self. So they were men of:

- Reputation
- Honor
- Authority
- Character

GOD USES WISE MEN (v.32)

Men of:

- Understanding- "They understood the times." Wisdom, insight, discernment.
- Knowledge- They had a knowledge of what Israel should do.
To know by observing and thinking.
To know by experience
To know by investigation

GOD USES PREPARED MEN (v.33)

- Able men. Who could draw up in battle formation. To put in order; to arrange. Every man knew his place.
- With all kinds of weapons of war
- To help David with an undivided heart

GOD USES SHARING MEN (v.38-40)

- They shared the interests of all Israel (v.38)
- They spent time with David (v.39). They got to know him.
- They brought joy to Israel (v.40)