



## Small Groups Bible Study Teaching

**Campaign:****BUILD 2014 (Ministry)**

Prepared By:

Orlando Borja

Date:

August 10, 2014

**Topic:** **The Qualities of a Ruler** (Destined to Rule Through Eternity)**Scripture:** **Exodus 18:21**

*"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." (NIV)*

*"Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:" (KJV)*

**Introduction:**

What is Eternity? (Discuss this in the group and get everyone have what they say in a few words about eternity).

I know that many of you have your own definition on what eternity is all about... The Bible says, that we (those who believe, and are saved, and walk in His ways) are destined to be in His presence through eternity. ("*...to bring you to eternal life...*" Jude 1:21). And not only that, we are also "Destined to Rule with Him Through Eternity." 2 Tim 2:12.

We have not been in eternity future yet... However, I have a basic knowledge, some perspective and awareness of eternity based on what I have learned as a Christian about my illumination from His Word and some impression from the Spirit...

I am blessed to be a grandpa very soon! My daughter Hannah is going to be a mum in a few months time - this November! Her baby which is my grandchild (from the mother's womb) has no idea yet what it is like to live outside of the womb which is the physical world where we are living... As of now, Hannah's baby only have some impression on what's happening in this world based on what he/she can hear, or based on the reaction and responses of Hannah (the mum) on what's going on in the surroundings according to Hannah's feelings, emotions as the baby connects to the mum. The baby can only sense what's happening in the surroundings according to the response of the mum and it's connection to the mum.

Likewise, we as people living in this world have a very limited knowledge on what's happening in the spiritual world... We can only know and see in part (spiritually), and for some of us we can only prophesy in part, (1 Cor. 13:9,12) we have a very limited knowledge, understanding and perspective on the reality of the things in the spirit, that is eternal and what eternity is all about.



"However, as it is written: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him; but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit." 1 Cor. 2:9 (NIV). That's the reason why we have the Word of God, something that was revealed and written for us and for our children so that we will obey it.

The Bible says, that those who believe, and are saved, and walk in His ways are destined to rule with Him through eternity. "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, he abides faithful: he cannot deny himself." (2 Tim 2:11-13) KJV

The bottom line is this: God has a purpose for you, and that is for you to reign with Him. He has deposited His Spirit in you that you will live and become mature and be prepared for your eternal destiny becoming a ruler.

The future timeline says that before eternity begins, there is the Millennium age, the one thousand years reign of Christ and each of us have important role to play in that age to come. That is why we need to prepare ourselves now. And preparation needs time and effort, and consistency in decision making so we can all mature and constantly get into the next level... *"till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of 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 people in their deceitful scheming..."* Eph. 4:13-14

I would like to speak to you 5 things necessary for us to be prepared, which are the Qualities of a Ruler (leader).

#### Exodus 18:21 NIV

*"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 18:21 KJV

*"Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:"*

#### **Qualities of a Ruler:**

(Discuss the importance of the following items in your group)...

1. Able men - Capable men - Men of might, Men of capacity or ability, of courage, of power, Men of strength of heart, does not afraid to do justice. Men who have a strong heart, or courage and boldness to deliver the oppressed from the hands of the oppressor, men of substance, who have no need to flatter, or play the hypocrite, and to know the faces of men. Men who are effective and efficient.

2. Fear God - such as fear God; who have the fear of God before their eyes and on their hearts, in all they do, and therefore cannot do those things that others do, who are destitute of it; men who revere God, cannot give a cause the wrong way willfully, or pervert judgment, and are the reverse of the character of the unjust judge, that neither feared God nor regarded man, Luke 18:2. This is because the copy of the law is written

in the tablets of their hearts and they have learned to revere the Lord and follow carefully all the words His law and decrees.

3. Trustworthy - Men of Truth – Integrity, loyalty - true men, sincere, upright, and faithful men, that love truth and hate lies and falsehood, and will take some pains to get at the truth of a cause, to inquire where it lies, and pursue and encourage it where it is found, and discourage to the uttermost falsehood, lies, and perjury.
4. Hate Covetousness - Hate Dishonest Gain - Honest – Unadulterated, hating covetousness; in themselves and others, filthy lucre, dishonest gain, mammon of unrighteousness, and so not to be bribed and corrupted, and execute wrong judgment for the sake of money.
5. Rules Faithfully - (judges the people at all seasons v22) - and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens; meaning not courts of judicature, consisting of such a number of judges, for such a court was never known to have a thousand judges upon the bench at once; the highest court of judicature that ever was among the Jews, which was long after this time, consisted but of seventy or seventy one: but the sense is, that each of these should have such a number of persons, or rather families, under their care, who, when they applied unto them for justice, should faithfully administer it to them; Exodus 18:25.

### **Challenge to Us Believers**

One of the challenges to us believers is on how we handle the things of this life properly as stated in the following Scripture:

**1 Corinthians 6:1-3**  
*New International Version (NIV)*

*"If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!"*



## Small Groups Discussion

(20 Minutes)

**Campaign:****BUILD 2014 (Ministry)**

Prepared By:

Orlando Borja

Date:

August 10, 2014

**Topic:** **The Qualities of a Ruler** (Destined to Rule Through Eternity)**Scripture:** **Exodus 18:21**

*"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." (NIV)*

*"Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:" (KJV)*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

From the R-U-L-E-R acrostic which I have derived from Exodus 18:21, discuss how the Reference Scripture from each items below are applicable to your daily life, attaining the qualities of a RULER:

1. **R**evere of God (Fear God).

*"...men who fear God..."*

Reference: ([Deuteronomy 17:18-20](#)).

2. **U**nadulterated (Honest, Not Diluted).

*"...men who hate dishonest gain..."*

Reference: ([Titus 1:7](#))

3. **L**oyalty & Integrity (Men of Truth, Trustworthy).

*"...trustworthy men..."*

Reference: ([Luke 16:10-13](#))

4. **E**ffective & Efficient (Able Men, Capable Men).

*"...But select capable men from all the people..."*

Reference: ([1Cor 6:1-3](#))

5. **R**ules Faithfully.

*"...and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens..."*

Reference: ([Matt 25:14-28](#))