

Exodus 18:19-26 (18c) – Nov 16, 2025 am
MOSES RECEIVES GOOD COUNSEL - #2

THE GOOD NEWS (18:1-5)

THE GREETINGS (18:6-7)

THE GREAT DEEDS OF GOD (18:8-13)

THE GOOD COUNSEL OF JETHRO (18:13-18)

THE GREAT PROPOSAL (18:19-23)

THE ADVICE OFFERED 19-23)

THE REQUEST (19a) *Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel,*

wise counsel: Pro 19:20, 12:15

a variety counsel: Prov 11:14, 15:22, 24:6

wise decisions. Prov 1:5, 20:21

THE REQUEST (19a) *Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel,*

THE RESULT (19b) *and God shall be with thee:*

THE REQUIREMENT (19c) *Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:*

THE REASONING (20-22)

Needed By The People

EDUCATION (20a) *and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws*

EXAMPLE (20bc) *and shalt shew them*

1 Cor 11:1 *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.:* **2 Tim 2:2** *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

Needed From the People

THE PEOPLE PROVIDED (21a)

Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people

REPUTATION QUALIFICATIONS

SPIRITUAL QUALIFICATIONS

(Prov 1:7) (Prov 9:10 & Psalm 110:10)

INTEGRITY QUALIFICATIONS –

PERSONAL - *men of truth*

FINANCIAL - *hating covetousness;*

THE LEADERS EMPOWERED – *place such over them*

DELEGATION (22)

DUTY – *and let them judge the people at all seasons*

DIVISION - *and it shall*

be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge:

DELIGHT - *so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee*

OPERATION (23)

THE OPTION (23ab) *If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so,*

THE OPPORTUNITY (23cd)
then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this

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THE REASONING (20-22)

THE RESISTENCE (20-22)

JETHRO GAVE HIS OPINION – NOT

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE (17-18) *And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.*

¹⁸ Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou

art not able to perform it thyself alone. ¹⁹ Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel,

JETHRO'S COUNSEL DID NOT

ENCOURAGE DEDICATION (18, 22) *Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.*

Mark 6:30-32

JETHRO'S COUNSEL DID NOT SOLVE

THE PROBLEM - Long Term (Num 11:16-17)

Exo 18:18, Num 11:11-15, Acts 20:27

Num 11:10, 2 Cor 11:28, 2 Cor 12

THE OFFER - ACCEPTED (24-26)

MOSES EMPLOYED JETHRO'S ADVICE

(24) *So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.*

THE QUALIFICATION OF

PARTICIPANTS (25) *And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people,*

THE DIVISION OF LABOR (25b)

rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

PEOPLE ACCEPTED CIVIC

RESPONSIBILITY (26)

THE JUDGES' WORK *they judged*

the people at all seasons:

THE SYSTEM'S WORK

THE DIFFICULT CHOICES –

the hard causes they brought unto Moses

THE EASY CHOICES – *every*

small matter they judged themselves.