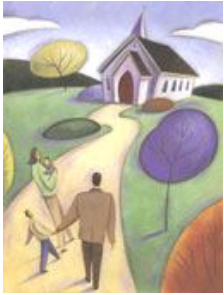


“Instead of carrying out your duty in regard to my holy things, you put others in charge of my sanctuary.”

(Ezekiel 44:8)



There are many who are joyous and happy in serving the Lord and that is good. But before we start to serve God we need to clean ourselves from all dirt and sins as we can read here: **“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”** (2 Timothy 2:20-21)

Therefore we are responsible before God to repent and change our ways of life and walk according to His will: **“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”** (2 Corinthians 7:1) After we are clean we can be used by the Lord to do the good work that God had prepared in advance for us to do.

The Holy things of God and the work in the sanctuary of God must be handled by people who are clean from sins and live in holiness. That what God had dictated on the priests, that they are the one who should take care of the sanctuary and do

the work of God there. So it was instructed that those who do the work of God should be living in holiness.

But what the priests did? They abandoned their responsibilities toward God's church and assign someone else to be in charge of God's sanctuary. Why they did that?

1- Laziness: Someone else will do and they will take rest.

2- Carelessness: They are not responsible and careless about the quality in God's service. Decline in the holiness of living for God's workers affect the outcome of the service and affect greatly the testimony of God. People who are in sin and they serve God they are giving a bad impression of who is God whom we worship.

So we need to be aware and careful about such facts; we ourselves as priests should do the work of God and we should not give any responsibility to people who are not yet ready or clean according to the criteria that God's word gives to us.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord forgives me my sins in putting people who are not qualified to care for your sanctuary. Lord I repent from this sin _____. Lord give me diligence and more carefulness in serving you, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.



“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

(2 Timothy 2:2)

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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2:15)

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