



God's
Word
Fellowship

The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

Proverbs 15:31

Moses was a great man of God. He spoke to God face to face like a man speaks with his friend (Exo 33:11). If anybody could say “I don’t need man’s advice. I can hear from God. The Holy Ghost and I...we are a team. I don’t need anybody else”, It would have been Moses. Moses was a prophet, a great prophet who provided the foundation for all of the rest of the Bible, including the New Testament, he wrote what the Bible calls the Law (The first five books of the Bible), the book of Job and a couple of Psalms. God did amazing miracles through Moses. Miracles that brought a nation that was a super power in those days to its knees. Let’s look at an incident in the Bible where even someone as great as Moses needed correction from a human being.

Jethro the father-in-law of Moses came to visit him when the Israelites came out of Egypt. Moses tells him all about the great things God has done for Israel and Jethro recognizes the greatness of God and praises him. He even offered sacrifices for God. The next day Jethro saw that Moses was sitting in the judgement seat and providing judgement for the Israelites from morning to evening. By the end of the day Moses is worn out and Israelites had to wait for a long time to get their audience with Moses. After watching all that Jethro said to Moses “ **What is this thing that thou doest to the people?** why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?... **The thing that thou doest is not good**...Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee... **Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel**...” – Exodus 18:14,17-19. Imagine someone saying to Moses “Listen to my voice”.

The counsel that Jethro gave was pure gold (Exodus 18:19-23). I would even say more precious than rubies. This counsel that Jethro gave not only Blessed Moses and prevented burn out in his life, it also became the basis for the governance of Israel. Not only that, this model has been used by nations like America for their government. When Jethro spoke this counsel, he spoke as a concerned father-in-law. **But the Holy**

Ghost used him to deliver a model for the governance of a nation, which became a blessing for multiple nations. This passage is also a great exhortation on the importance of delegating responsibilities, which has been a Blessing to numerous leaders, businessmen and church leaders.

Moses was not offended by this advice. He didn't turn around and say "Do you know who you are talking to? Do you know what God has done through me?". The response of Moses is truly a testament to his character. "**So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said**" – Exodus 18:24. No wonder God called Moses the meekest man on planet earth.

Be open to Holy Ghost inspired and wise advice or correction through other people. God works through people and brings wisdom and counsel to Bless us and protect us. We don't know it all and we need people in our lives who can speak wisdom and correction to us. Say out loud "I don't know it all and I need good, God-fearing, wise, able people around me"

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