

**God Will Lead You Through to:  
“Work You can Do”  
Exodus 18**

**Big Idea – God has work prepared for you to do.**

**1. The story of Moses & Jethro, his father-in-law – Exodus 18**

After reading about all the wars and strife and hardships of the children of Israel it's nice to move into a chapter that's about their ordinary, every day life.

Life isn't always hunger and thirst and warfare, although those are often the things we usually remember. Charles Spurgeon said that God's people are prone to engrave their trials in marble and write their blessings in the sand, and perhaps he was right.

As we begin chapter 18 Moses' father-in-law is coming to see him and bringing his wife Zipporah and two sons. Notice some key points in this story.

1. Greetings, fellowship around a meal and offerings to the Lord
2. Jethro observed Moses impossible workload and gave him advice.
3. Select qualified men who are godly, truthful and not covetous to help.

**Practical application – Leaders should never try to do everything but instead, share the load.**

## 2. God's plan & purpose for His people today

Ephesians 2:8 "I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God.

9 It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it.

10 God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

We cannot save ourselves by good works, but God made us to do good works after salvation and actually planned them in advance for us to do.

If you're not a preacher or missionary or church worker, what are these good works and how are you prepared/equipped to do them?

Ephesians 4:11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

12 Christ gave those gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger."

God calls evangelists and pastors/teachers to equip/train/prepare God's people so they all can do the works of serving the body of Christ together.

1 Corinthians 12:6 "And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. God works in all of us in everything we do.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."

God has given every believer one or more spiritual gifts so they will be enabled to do the works of service He has prepared in advance for them to do.

### SAMPLE LIST OF WORKS OF SERVICE

Taking meals to sick & shut-ins

Encouraging calls on telephone

Encouraging texts or emails

Encouraging cards

Mowing grass at the church or a widow/shut-ins' house

Running vacuum throughout church building

Cleaning rest rooms

Set up & tear down chairs for AWANA/church services

Intercessory prayer – prayer warrior

Shoveling snow/plowing snow

Running sound board

Running video feed for Livestream

Giving rides to church, Sr. Bible study, Wed. Bible study

Inviting family & friends to services

Passing out Gospel tracts like Guaranteed Reservation

Hosting small groups in your house