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people who are responsible*

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Everyone wants to influence others and many people would like to find themselves in a place of authority so that they could make decisions based on their opinions and have things done their way. It's basic human nature to believe that most often what we think is right and that our opinion should matter. However, it is not as easy to find people who are willing to be responsible to do the work, make things happen, or accept the blame for things that go wrong. Many people want the authority but not as many are willing to accept the responsibility.

When God looks for someone to whom He can delegate his Kingdom authority, He looks for a person who is willing to accept Kingdom responsibility, a person who takes personal responsibility for enhancing and advancing the Kingdom of God by living and teaching the Word of God to their proverbial Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the utter most parts of the world. What do you want? More authority or more responsibility? Authority should only be given to responsible people.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, make me more responsible for Your Kingdom work. Help me to be a greater witness and give me authority commensurate with my responsibility.

*Scriptures for Today*

Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan. (NKJV)

Matthew 7:29 For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (KJV)

Matthew 8:9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, "Go," and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it. (NKJV)