

First Lesson: Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you.

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the LORD’s words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. ²⁵The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

²⁶Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide from his youth, answered, “My lord Moses, stop them!”

²⁹Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD’s people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”⁵

THE LORD’S PEOPLE USE THE LORD’S GIFTS

I. I have gifts to serve.

It sometimes helps to think of my gifts as talents and/or abilities.

What am I good at?

How can that be used to serve the LORD?

II. You have gifts to serve

When have you acted like Joshua (Nu 11:28) and John (Mk 9:38)?

How can you encourage others to use their gifts to serve?

Take a few moments, and just ponder what it means that you are part of “the LORD’s people!”

This service is a preview to our upcoming Family Bible Hour topic: “My Vocation in Christ.”

Current Topic: I am God’s Church – I know Jesus lived for me! We have two weeks left of our study of *How Did We Get the Bible*

Coming up:

I am God’s Church – I know I live for Jesus! *My Vocation in Christ* begins October 17

I am God’s Church – I know I live for Others! *One By One* begins February 6

⁵ [*Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version*](#). (2019). (Nu 11:24–29). Milwaukee, WI: Northwestern Publishing House.