



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High.

**Title:** Choosing The Right Servants

**Lesson:** 66

**Text:** Acts 11:22-30

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Acts 11:22–30 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. 25 And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. 27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. 29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. 30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

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**“Barnabas”** (Joseph)

1 Timothy 5:22 Do not lay hands upon anyone ***too hastily*** and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin.

**Six qualities in choosing qualified servants:**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ track record

- Sold a piece of property (4:35-37)
- Became Saul's advocate and introduced him to the apostles (9:27)

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## **2. A heart for \_\_\_\_\_**

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**“the grace of God”**

**“rejoiced”**

**“encouraged” [parakaleo]**

### **Why did Barnabas serve them in this way?**

1. He had the gift of exhortation.
2. They were new believers.
3. The church was birthed in a cesspool of immorality.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ character

24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

**“good man”**

**“full of the Holy Spirit”**

Galatians 5:22–23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

**“faith”**

24b And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

**“brought”** - [prostithemi] “prosthetics”

4. **Genuine** \_\_\_\_\_

25 And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul;

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the **Gentiles** and kings and the sons of Israel;

**Godly leaders are not** \_\_\_\_\_  
**by gifts companions.**

**Two-by-two was a pattern for NT ministry.**

Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Mark 6:7; 11:1; 14:13, John 8:17;  
Luke 10:1;

5. Able to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**“Christians”**

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Claudius reigned from AD 41 to 54 AD

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**The pattern for New Testament giving:**

1. They gave according to their \_\_\_\_\_.

2. They gave \_\_\_\_\_.

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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**“elders”**

**Implication**

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word and generous expressions of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Guide

1. Do you believe the grace of God is displayed at EastPointe? If so, in what way(s)?
2. The sermon focused on godly leaders. Why is it important that leaders be godly? Give examples of your past experience with ungodly leadership and what were the consequences?
3. Review the six qualities that we should look for in choosing servants for ministry responsibility. Which one(s) do you see lacking in the church today?
4. We learned that godly churches have two essential actives. What are they and why are they important?
5. What was the most important truth you learned today and why is it so important?



**ANSWERS:** proven, discipleship, spiritual, humility, threatened, teach, resources, voluntarily, trustworthy, teaching, love