

Fit for Service

3 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

*“² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.³ And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, **why** the bush is not burnt.” - Exodus 3:1-3.*

The following is a brief overview of some of Moses’ qualities (already seen), which later made him fit for service unto God.

1. Moses had a caring nature and a capacity for work.

“Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law..”

2. He was not afraid to be alone.

“...he led the flock to the backside of the desert.”

3. He was prepared to go the extra-mile. He led the flock to a distant place called the ‘backside of the desert.’

4. He was prepared to confront life’s mountain.

“... and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.”

Mt. Horeb was arid land, and signifies a ‘dry place’ or barren situation in one’s life. Nevertheless, this provides the ideal spiritual condition to meet with God.

Note the order in which the place is described. It is first called the mountain of God, even though it is named Mt Horeb - a dry place. In other words, every mountain in life may be seen as God’s work - an opportunity to have a spiritual encounter with Him even though at face value the situation seems bleak, dry and hopeless. It is important that we always keep God at the forefront of our minds when we go through life’s trials. In that way, we still remain fit for service, in spite of what appears to be life’s temporary setbacks.

Don't allow the pressures of life to steer you off course and away from God's presence.

5. He had a keen sense of observation... perhaps spiritual insight. He was able to discern that the burning bush was not just another 'bush fire' but was a rare, albeit strange, occurrence.

*"... he **looked**, and, **behold**, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."*

6. He was strong-willed...

*And Moses said, **I will**...*

7. He was not a procrastinator, and was prepared to act NOW.

*And Moses said, I will **now** turn aside...*

There is a sense of urgency in the call of God upon my life, and therefore there can be no room for procrastination, nor double-mindedness.

8. He was prepared to:

- (i) set aside what was his main priority, that is, tending to the flock, to go after the things of God;
- (ii) take a risk, because leaving the flock unattended exposed them to the dangers of the wild;

*And Moses said, I will now **turn aside**...*

Moses temporarily left his job of being a shepherd to his flock to investigate the burning bush. *Making the decision to leave one's job to pursue work in the ministry is never an easy decision to make. It should be a decision which is made after being certain of God's call upon your life. Moses was certain that what he saw was not a natural occurrence, and so he proceeded to leave his work of being a shepherd to further investigate the awesome wonder.*

9. Moses held in high esteem the things of God.

³ *And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight....*

Moses described the burning bush as 'a great sight.' It was not seen as a nuisance, nor a bother, nor something troublesome to be frowned upon. When we are called to

pursue divine purpose, for some of us the calling may be seen as troublesome, inconvenient or even bothersome.

Instead, the calling should be embraced as a great experience and a tremendous blessing from God.

10. Moses was purpose-driven.

³ *And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.”*

Moses’ actions were fuelled by his goal of finding out why the fire did not consume the bush.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of what qualifies a person for service unto God. But, as we step up to the next level in our spiritual development, it is worth considering to what extent we, too, possess some or all of the above qualities that make us fit to be used by God. Be blessed.

Key Principles:

Being fit for service, may involve having some or all of the following qualities:

- 1. Have a mind to work;***
- 2. Don’t be afraid to be alone;***
- 3. Be prepared to go the extra mile;***
- 4. Be prepared to confront life’s mountains;***
- 5. Have a keen sense of observation;***
- 6. Be strong-willed;***
- 7. Don’t be a procrastinator;***
- 8. Be prepared to:***
 - a) Set aside your main priority to pursue the things of God;***
 - b) Take a risk.***
- 9. Hold the things of God in high esteem;***
- 10. Be purpose-driven.***

Heavenly Father,

Thank You Lord for the call upon my life. I pray for knowledge concerning the mystery of Your will, according to Your good pleasure which You have purposed for my life (Ephesians 1:9). I pray that I am fit for service unto You, as I declare that:

- 1. I have a mind to work;*
- 2. I am not afraid to be alone (with You, O Lord);*
- 3. I'm prepared to go the extra mile;*
- 4. I'm prepared to confront life's mountains;*
- 5. I have a keen sense of observation and the spirit of discernment;*
- 6. I'm strong-willed;*
- 7. I am not a procrastinator, and will pursue the things of God for my life NOW;*
- 8. I'm prepared to:*
 - a) Set aside my main priority to pursue the things of God;*
 - b) Take a risk.*
- 9. I hold the things of God in high esteem;*
- 10. I'm purpose-driven.*

Thank You. Lord for answered prayer. In Jesus' name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

Memory Verse:

“18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling...” - Ephesians 1:18

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