

God Needs Able Men

(1 Chronicles 9:13)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever noticed the absence of men within Christianity?
 2. How many churches are nearly full of women and children, and only sprinkled with men?
 3. Survey results from <http://churchformen.com>:
 - a. Church attendance is typically 61% female, 39% male.
 - b. Midweek attendance is typically 70 to 80% female.
 - c. Many men who do attend admit to attending in order to please their mothers, wives, or girlfriends.
 4. While there seems to be a shortage of men today, Jesus didn't seem to have trouble captivating men.
 - a. Jesus could cause a rugged fisherman to drop his nets, and we struggle to get men to drop the remote control for a couple hours.
 5. We need "able men" (1 Chronicles 9:13); men who will lead their homes (Joshua 24:15).
 6. We are in a spiritual battle, and the church needs men who will put on the armor of God, take up the sword of the Spirit, and fight the good fight of faith.
 7. In this lesson, we'll consider what an "able man" is.

I. An Able Man Is One Who Is Available

- A. (Isaiah 6:8).
- B. Too many men today have hung a "Do Not Disturb" sign around their necks.
- C. I don't know of a man God called to service who wasn't busy.

II. An Able Man Is One Who Is Dependable

- A. (1 Corinthians 4:2).
- B. He needs faithful stewards.
- B. God needs men who can be trusted - a "go to" man.

III. An Able Man Is One Who Is Mobile

- A. (Mark 16:15).
- B. Not every need can be met in the comfort of one's own livingroom.
- C. We have to go where the people are or where the need exists.

IV. An Able Man Is One Who Is Stable

- A. (1 Corinthians 16:13).
- B. (1 Thessalonians 3:8).
- C. (Ephesians 6:13).

- Conclusion:
1. God and his church needs able men.
 2. May we hold up the hands able men and encourage them in their work.