



“And the LORD said to Moses; take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him.” Numbers 27:18

What are the qualifications for ministry? Completion of Bible School? A degree from a seminary? Maybe a Master’s or Doctorate of Divinity? What about mastering the Greek and Hebrew languages? Possibly being certified in Marriage and Family Counseling?

Men stipulate a myriad of things deemed necessary to be successful in ministry! God’s view is a little different – “Take Joshua... a man in whom is the Spirit.” The early Church selected men to serve who were of “honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.” (Acts 6:3).

It is easy to judge by what can be seen, But those judgments are often wrong! Godly judgment is made after what is unseen. The great prophet Samuel nearly missed God’s choice of young David as Israel’s next king because he looked at the natural and not to the unseen.

Jesus though fully God, did not begin His earthly public ministry until He had been clothed with the Spirit’s presence and power. “And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee.” And, “the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me...” (Luke 4:14-18).

We see that Joshua had received a personal recommendation from the LORD! What do you suppose the Lord’s recommendation concerning your life would be? Would He say, “Take this one, who is full of the Spirit?”

“Be constantly being filled with the Spirit.” Ephesians 5:18 Turn on the spigot and let the Water run! No conservation needed here! LORD, in Jesus’ name, fill me up to overflowing! ...And may all those around me become soaking wet in Your goodness and mercy!