

Handout 1—Class 17**Examples of Delegation**

Throughout scripture we repeatedly see examples of leaders delegating responsibility to members of the church, in an attempt to teach and train them to also lead. Like any effective government that does not send out "ambassadors" to represent their nation unless they first experience very specific training, the church cannot send out Ambassadors for Christ until and unless they are first trained to fulfill that role.

- **Ex 18-13-27**—Moses' father-in-law suggested to him that he delegate his responsibilities for judging Israel, because it was physically wearing him out (v. 18). Jethro suggested setting up various levels of judges so that the job would be shared. Moses listened to Jethro and DID delegate his responsibilities (vv. 24-25).
- **Luke 10:1**—Christ sent out 70 others (besides the twelve apostles) to preach, heal the sick, etc. He did not limit teaching and preaching to Himself or even His 12, but continued to train others and extend the opportunity to serve to them.
- **Acts 6:1-7**—The twelve apostles delegated some of their administrative functions to seven deacons that they appointed, so that they could continue to preach the gospel.
- **Titus 1:5**—Paul told the Church pastor Titus to delegate some of his Church leadership responsibilities by ordaining elders in "every city."

Examples of Empowerment

The best and most thorough example of any empowering for greater work is highlighted by the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. One of Jesus Christ's primary purposes on the earth was to make disciples who would carry on the work after He departed from the scene. Jesus was the ultimate teacher and spent 3.5 years teaching and empowering His disciples for works of greatness. Christ spent a great deal of time teaching them the "content" of their ministry—making sure they understood the Bible concepts before being required to actually teach them. His teaching, training and empowering of the apostles continued as He sent them out two-by-two to do the work of the gospel.

- **Matt 10:1**—Christ empowered them to cast out demons and heal the sick.
- **Matt 17:21**—When the apostles could not cast out a demon, Christ further taught them, that the particular type of demon would ONLY come out with much prayer and fasting.
- **Matt 28:19-20**—Christ empowered the Church to teach all nations to observe all that He taught.

By the time the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church in Acts 2, we see apostles, especially Peter and John, empowered to do great works before men in the name of Jesus Christ.

- **Titus 2:1-10**—Here Paul is admonishing and empowering different members of the congregation (older men and women, younger men and women) to interact in a positive way with each other.