

MZFABC Bible Study

Encouraging Words From The Mount

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CHURCH THEME:

*Moving Forward as a Growing
Church*

“Service Assignment”

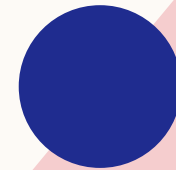


Numbers 1:47-50

47 But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. **48** For the LORD had spoken unto Moses saying:
49 “Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel: **50** But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it; they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.”

MOSES was ordered by God to number the Israelites. But this numbering was not to include the Levites. The reason they were not counted here with the rest of the Israelites is that they were assigned a special service regarding the Tabernacle.

This assignment, which is detailed in our verse, speaks of their ***calling, carrying, caring, and camping***. It gives good instruction for all of us in serving God.





CALLING:

“Thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle.”

- Service for God is a result of selection by God.
- He chose the Levites to do the service of the tabernacle.
- It was not something the Levites decided to do themselves.
- It is true that God often puts a desire in our hearts to do the service for which he is calling us; but desire is not enough to justify entering the LORD's work.
- You must have a Divine calling.
- For example, some people in ministry evidence that they are there not because God has called them but because of their own desire.



CARRYING:

“They shall bear the tabernacle.”

- When the Israelites traveled in the wilderness, the tabernacle had to be carried from place to place.
- Carrying the tabernacle was the Levites' task. This was hard work. If you are looking for an easy job, do not apply for service for the LORD.

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CARING:

“They shall minister unto it.”

- This refers to the care of the Tabernacle.
- The Levites did not get to wear the priestly robes and serve in the Tabernacle, rather they had the lowly but necessary duty of caring for it.
- You may not preach sermons at church, rather you may care for the building.
- But your work, though some may consider lowly, is still very important.



Camping:

“And shall encamp round about the tabernacle.”

- The tabernacle is a type of Christ.
- So, the lesson here is that those who serve need to stay close to the LORD.
- Our own personal devotion to Him is vital to serving Him well, no matter what our duty is in His work.