

Exodus 18:1-2, 5-9, 13-24, 26

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¹³The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. ¹⁴When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; ¹⁶when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws."

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17Moses' father-in-law said to him,
"What you are doing is not good. 18You
and the people with you will certainly
wear yourselves out, for the thing is too
heavy for you. You are not able to do it
alone. —Exodus 18:13-18 ESV

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Jethro's Rules for Maximum Impact

1. Recognize that responsibilities in my life often conflict with the priorities of my life. "When we stop to evaluate, we realize that our dilemma goes deeper than a shortage of time; it is basically the problem of priorities. Hard work does not hurt us. We all know what it is to go full speed for long hours, totally involved in an important task. The resulting weariness is matched by a sense of achievement and joy. Not hard work, but doubt and misgiving produce anxiety as

we review a month or year and become oppressed by the pile of unfinished tasks."

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"We sense uneasily that we may have failed to do the important. The winds of people's demands have driven us onto a reef of frustration. We confess, quite apart from our sins, 'We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.'" — Tyranny of the Urgent by Charles E. Hummel

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"The reason most goals are not achieved in life is that we spend most of our time doing second things first."

-Robert J. McCain

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• God

Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! —Psalm 46:10 ESV

God

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. —Matthew 6:33 ESV

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Family

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

—1 Timothy 5:8 ESV

Responsibilities

... ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

-Colossians 3:24-25 ESV

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• Yourself

And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. —Mark 6:31 ESV

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2. Remember, <u>activity</u> is not <u>accomplishment</u>.

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"Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment. And to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence and honest pursuit, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing." —Thomas Edison

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3. Realize <u>longevity</u> is in direct proportion to proper <u>investment</u> of my <u>energies</u>.

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"He is an unwise man who wastes energy on pursuits for which he is not fitted; and he is wiser still who from among the things he can do well, chooses to resolutely follow the best." —William Gladstone

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4. Resolve to keep the <u>main thing</u>, the main thing.

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"So when I talk about 'choosing to cheat,' I'm referring to the decision to give up one thing in order to gain something else. This is something we do every day. We don't think of it as cheating. Especially when we are making what most people would consider a good trade... In light of this broader application of the term, cheating, you are a cheater."

"Daily you make decisions to give up one thing in order to gain something else. This is especially true within the arena of your schedule. You face a variety of responsibilities and opportunities: work... family... hobbies... clubs... leagues... the list is endless. Each competes for your attention. Each competes for your most valuable resource, your time."—Andy Stanley

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5. Respond to a greater
variety of needs through shared
responsibility.

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