

## **Under Authority - 6** **Having a Heart After the House**

**I Corinthians 14:5** NKJV - *I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.*

Edification or edifying is to uplift, enlighten or inform, another definition is to build

**I Corinthians 14:12** NKJV - *Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.*

**I Corinthians 14:26** NKJV - *How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.*

**God is more interested in the church being built up and edified than you getting to do your thing.**

A lot of Christian's today are more interested in doing their thing in church rather than the church being edified.

**The theme of 1 Corinthians 14 is that we should have a "heart after the house".**  
**Having a Heart after the House** - I'm thinking about what's best for the church, what's best for the house, not what's just best for me. Church isn't about us just coming to do our thing.

When someone has a heart after the house they are more interested in the success of the ministry than their own personal success and achievements.

**Luke 16:10** NLT - *If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.*

There are people who don't want to be faithful until they have a big thing to be faithful with.

**Faithful** (Strong's Concordance) - of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, can be relied upon.

**People with a heart after the house are faithful.** That doesn't mean they just show up regularly. Of course that's a part of faithfulness, but that's not all faithfulness means. Faithfulness is when you show up regularly AND you do business, execute the commands you were given, can be relied upon to do a good job. THEN you are faithful.

I'm not just going to show up, I'm going to show up and do a great job!!!!

A faithful person submits to the authority of their leader.

A big key to promotion in the Kingdom of God is being faithful with what you are given.

**Luke 16:11-12** NLT - *And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?*

If you aren't faithful in the little things, God is certainly not going to trust you to bigger things.

If you are not faithful in another man's (ministry, leadership, business, etc) how can you be trusted with your own?

### **The Biblical Test of Leadership**

**I Timothy 3:8-10** NKJV - *Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.*

What's the test? **Will they submit to authority and do they have a heart after the house? Are they going to be faithful?**

**Matthew 21:1-3** NKJV - *Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them.*

Do you believe Jesus disciples actually felt called to get a donkey?

The disciples had a heart after the house. They submitted to Jesus' authority even when the assignment wasn't glamorous, public, or something they felt "called" to do.

Do you feel the Lord calling you into ministry? If so, be faithful and serve another man's ministry that the Lord has given him. Have a heart after the house, do whatever needs to be done.

This is what it looks like being under authority being interested in the edification of the church above anything else.