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Spiritual Leadership Session

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To lead church effectively, we too need exercise spiritual leadership

What is spiritual Leadership? Many definitions:

“God-given spiritual ability and responsibility to lead God's people”

<http://www.growingchristians.org/dfgc/leader.htm>

Henry Richard Thomas Blackaby: “Spiritual leadership is moving people on to God’s agenda.”

<http://www.eaglepointchurchonline.com/article/spiritual-leadership-the-leaders-role/>

[My definition]

A spiritual leader= leader who allows God to lead him in leading people in everything:

- Involves a personal choice**
- Inclusive of all people**
- Includes everything**

David is spiritual Leader because he allows God to lead him in leading people in everything.

He is not perfect.. we are aware his sins:

- pride, adultery, murder.**

But David is a spiritual leader because he allows God to lead him in leading people in everything.

You & I, deacon [elder], Pastor, Serving Board, & other positions are spiritual leaders of GBC

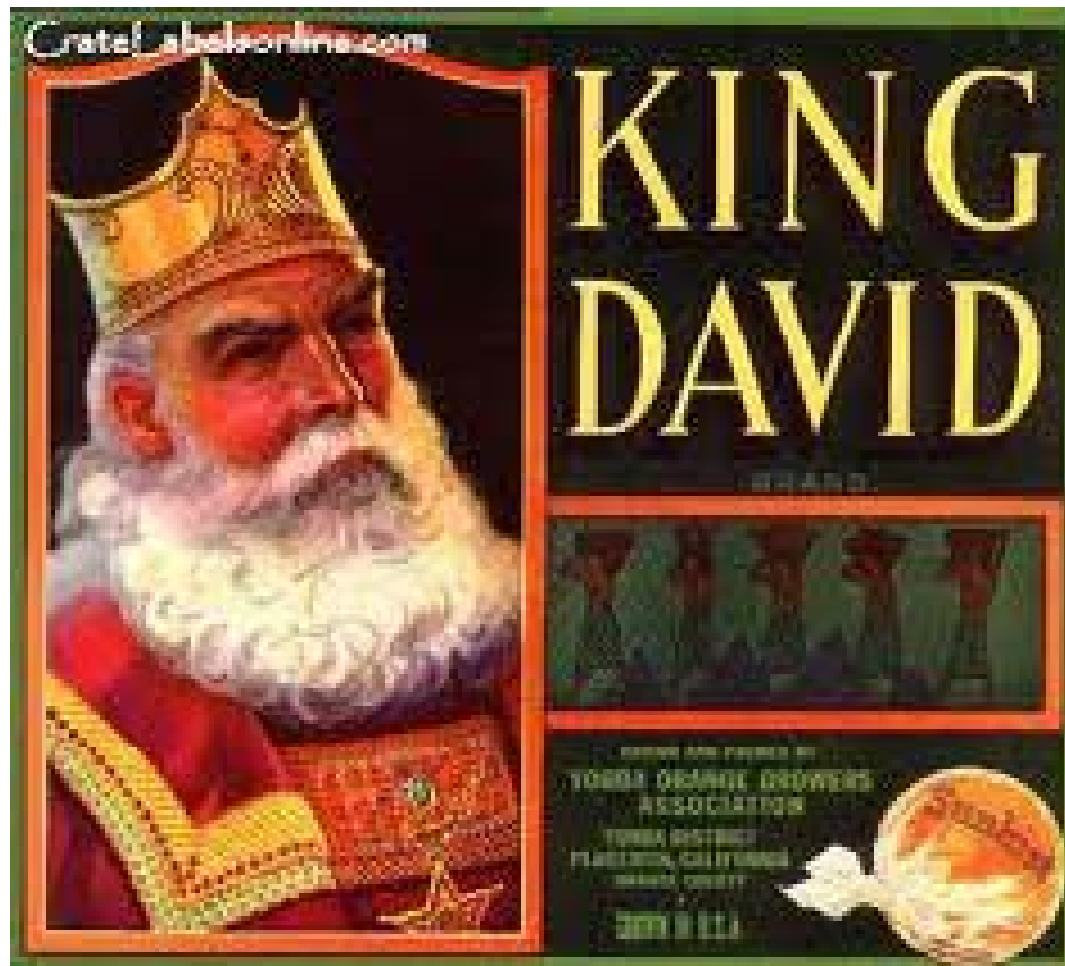
How can we be a spiritual leader? What makes a spiritual Leader effective?

I Want to share 5 things:

1:He Is effective because he is set apart by God (23:1)

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#1 He Is effective because he is set apart by God



David

- He is near the end of his ministry & gives these words.**
- His final instruction & warning to his son Solomon.**
- These are not his words as a man speaking, but are inspired by God.**

Inspired utterance: His oracle is the same word used for example in Habakkuk 1:1 'The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet receive..' ESV,NAS,NIV,NRSV

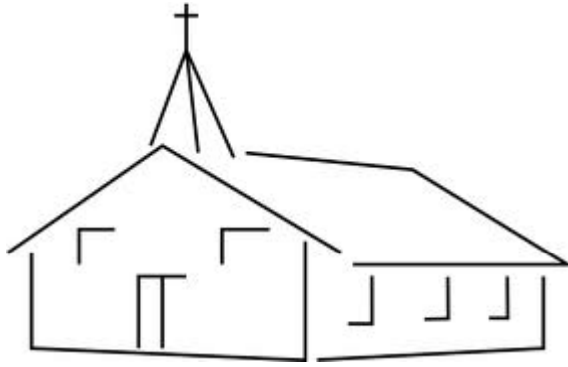
Oracle are words spoken by God to Habakkuk

Another word: words in 2 Samuel 23 spoken by God through David. 23:1 speaks of David in 3 ways (address just 1st two in this session):

- 1 He is exalted by the Most High**
- 2 He is anointed by the God of Jacob**
- 3 He is the hero of Israel's songs**



**These 2 phrases taken together tell us:
David is God appointed & God empowered
Another words: David is effective as spiritual
Leader because he is set apart by God.
Matter of fact: God sent Samuel to anoint
[set apart] David when David was just a
boy tending sheep (see 1 Sam 16:11-13)
You & I as deacons-Pastor of GBC also =
God appointed & God empowered
We are effective as spiritual Leader because
God has set us apart
God has appointed us & empowered us.
We may be ordained, commissioned or
elected: it's God's way to appoint us &
empower us.**



We are not alone when we serve because he set us apart.

Remember when times gets tough [discourage, frustrate] in GBC we are not alone.

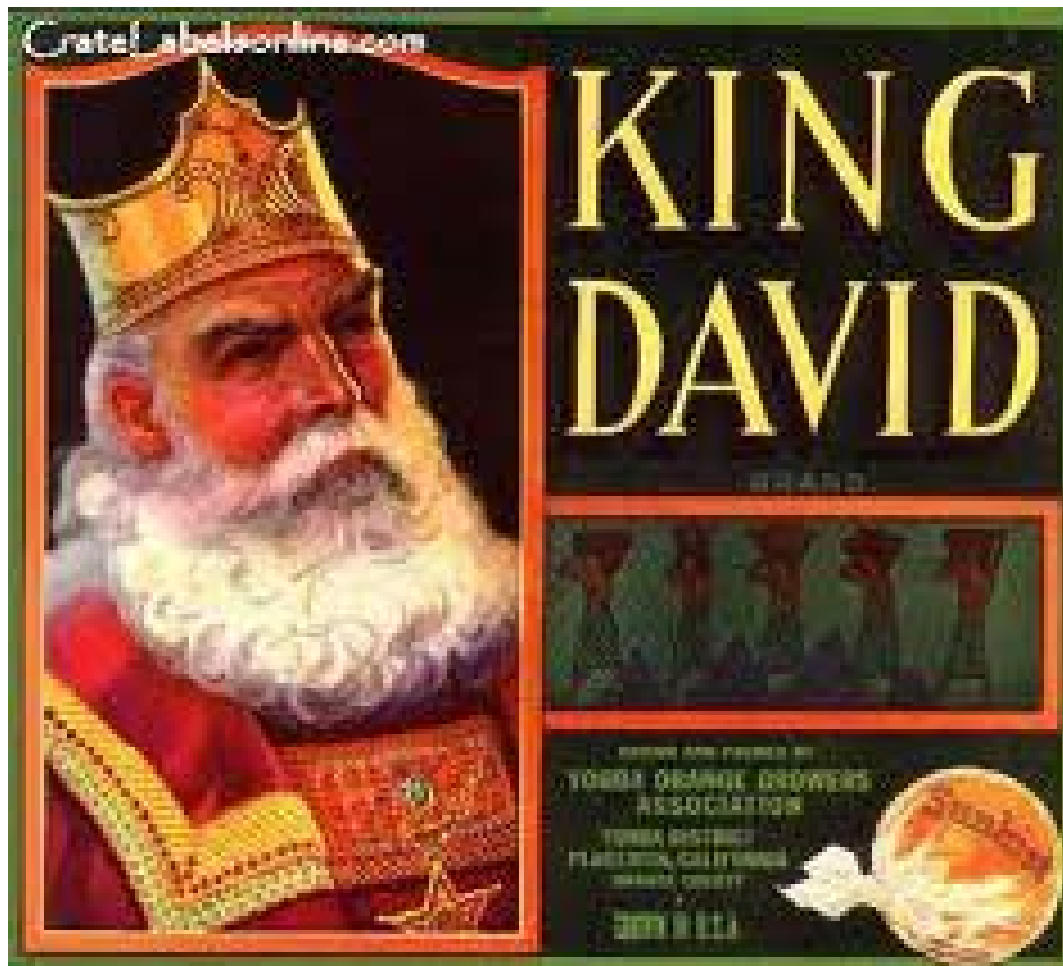
Remember that God has appointed us & God empower us, He will get us through.

e.g. When in New Jersey: our church was without it's own facility/building for 15 years. We met in a University auditorium for Worship/classroom for Sunday School & child care.

[Were we discouraged, frustrated?]

But because God appoints & empowers us, he got us through with a blessed new building in 2006.

Secondly A Spiritual Leader Is effective because he chooses to be led by the Holy Spirit (23:2-3)





2nd Spiritual Leader Is effective because he chooses to be led by the HS (23:2-3)

² “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. ³ The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me:

In these verses, David speaks of God in 3 different ways:

- 1. Spirit of the Lord**
- 2. God of Israel.**
- 3. Rock of Israel.**

Another word: When David spoke it was always God speaking thru him.

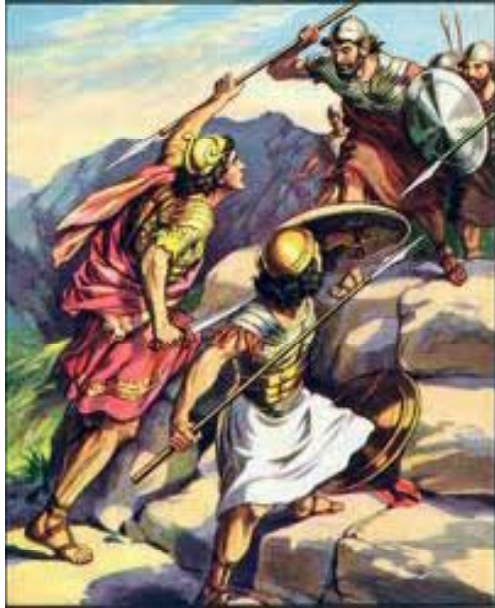
David often sought out God before a course of action

e.g. 2 Samuel 5:Philistines heard: David =anointed king over Israel

Philistines went up in full force to search for him.

David heard about it & went down to the stronghold.

2 Samuel 5:19 David inquires of LORD



“Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?” Lord: Go, for I will surely deliver Philistines into your hands”

2 Sam. 5:20:

David went to & defeated them.

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2 Sam 5:22-25:

22 Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

23 so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, “Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees.

24 As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.”

25 So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon[d] to Gezer.

**That is what David did & that is what we need to do as deacon-pastor
A Spiritual Leader is effective because he chooses to be led by the
Holy Spirit.**

**It’s always a choice, isn’t it.? ..sometime we think: “Can we get it
done by sheer human intelligence or ability.**

Be like David, choose to inquire of Lord.



**May we be challenged by “Demise of prayer meeting”
& strive to inquire of the Lord**

Dwight Lyman Moody (Feb 5, 1837 - Dec 22, 1899)

= known as D.L. Moody=American evangelist/writer

**= Moody Church/Moody Bible Institute/Moody
Publishers**

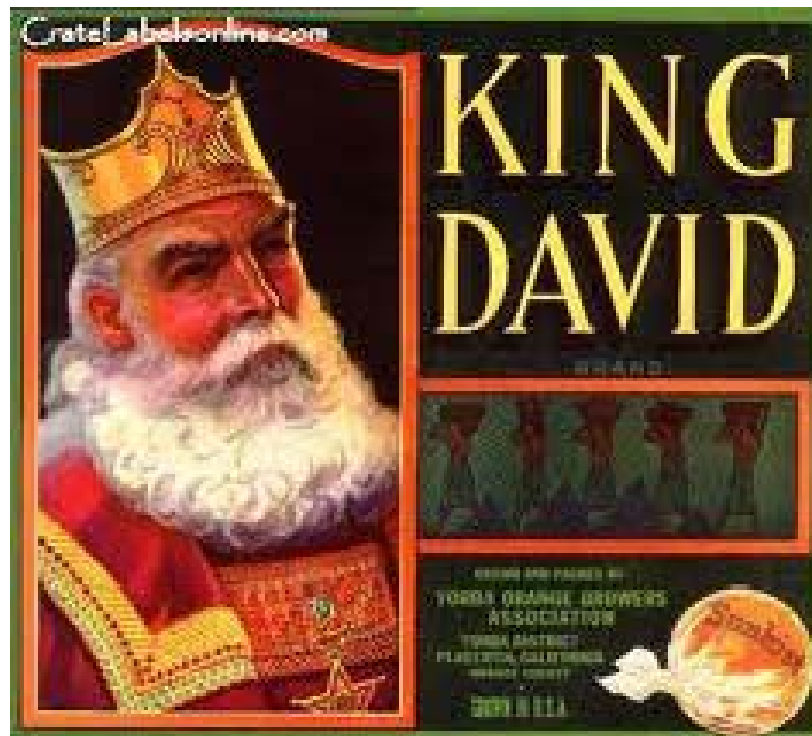
Says:

**“Those who have left..deepest impression on this sin-
cursed earth have been men & women of prayer.”**

I say:

**Those [spiritual Leaders] who have left the deepest
impression on this sin cursed earth have been men
& women of prayer [who choose to inquire of Lord]**

3rd A Spiritual Leader Is effective because he rules according to God's teaching and knows he is accountable to God (23:3)



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When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God,

Now.. David speaks as a king, so he speaks of ruling over people

**We as deacon-pastor = call to also rule over GBC
David share of 2 qualities when we rule:**

- 1. Rule over people in righteousness**
- 2. Rule in the fear of God**

Another words when David ruled..he ruled according to God's teachings



Further when David ruled...he ruled knowing that he was accountable [fear God] to God

King Saul often pursued David to kill him.. But David spared his life every single time. Why? Because David knew God's teaching regarding harm God's anointed

Because David fear God .. David was acceptable to God.

Later Saul & his son Jonathan were pursued by Philistines. This what happen in 2 Samuel 1:1-16

1 After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days. 2 On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honor. 3 "Where have you come from?" David asked him. He answer, "I have escaped from the Israelite camp." 4 "What happened?" David asked. "Tell me." "The men fled from the battle," he reply. "Many of them fell & died. And Saul & his son Jonathan are dead. 5 Then David said to the young man who brought him the report, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?" 6 "I happen to be on Mount Gilboa," the young man said, "and there was Saul, leaning on his spear, with the chariots and their drivers in hot pursuit. 7 When he turn around & saw me, he called out to me, and I said, 'What can I do?' 8 "He asked me, 'Who are you "' "An Amalekite,' I answered.

You see David was effective as spiritual Leader because David knew God's teaching regarding harm God's anointed.

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We as spiritual leader of GBC can be effective when we rule according to God's teaching and we know we are accountable to God.

If we rule by any other standard ... then we rule without a sense of accountability...

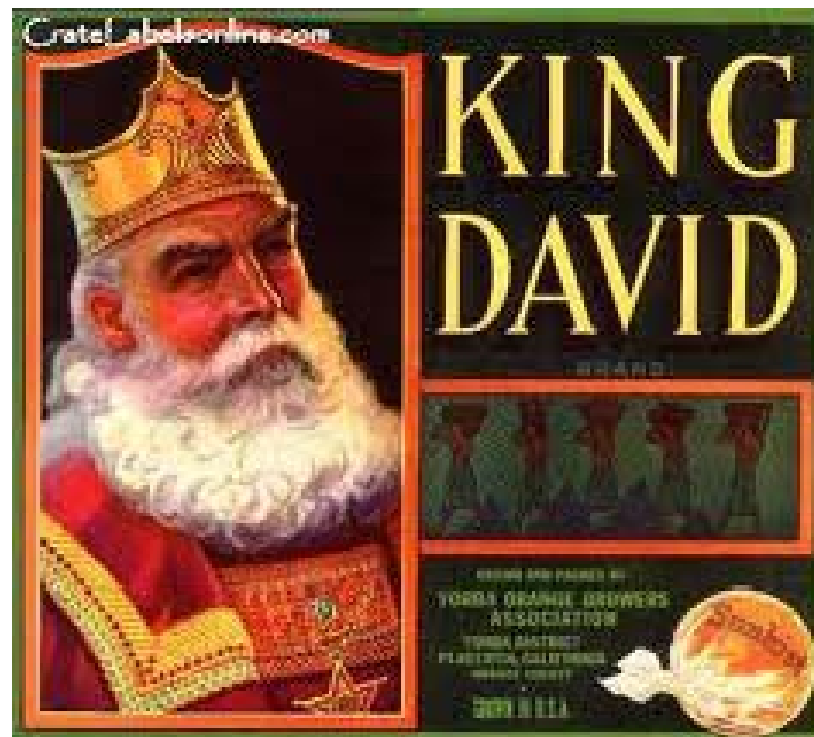
Not only is God not pleased.. but GBC will not stand

Henry Richard Thomas Blackaby:

Spiritual leaders are accountable to God. "I know a day will come when I will stand before God and give an account of my life as a shepherd" (Hebrews 13:17).

While I am certainly accountable to my pastoral leadership team, I am ultimately accountable to God.

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These verses speak of David’s confidence...

..that God’s will bless him with everlasting covenant..salvation.. even his every desire

**Why? Because David= sure he and his household is right before God
[repeat] For sure David=not perfect.. aware his sins: pride adultery
murder, etc**

But he always sought Gods forgiveness.. & so he & his household right before God

We as spiritual Leader of GBC can be effective because we and our household is right before God

Matter of fact.. we are familiar with 1 Tim 3:4-5 [overseer]

⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

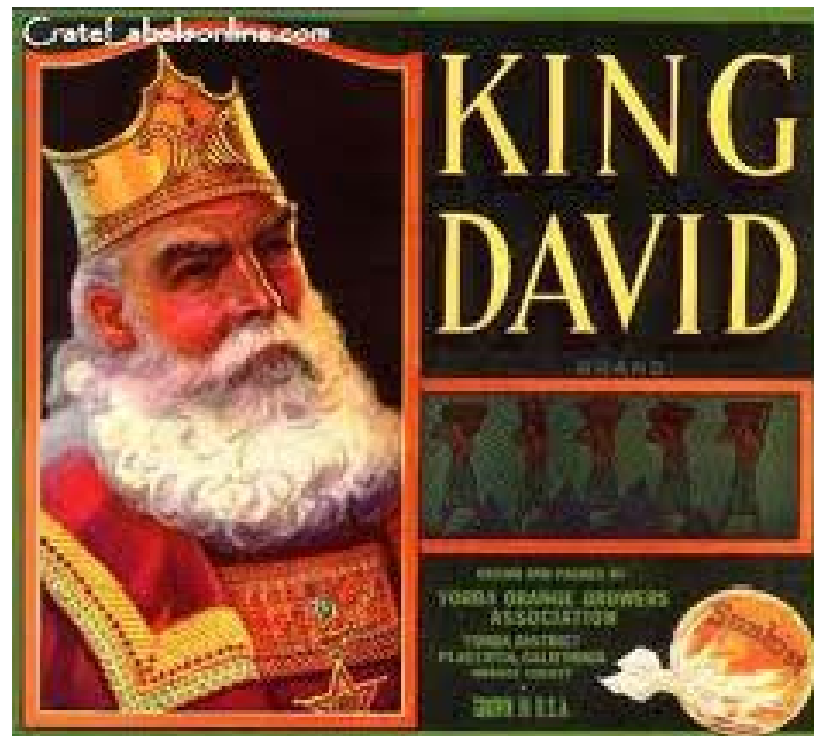
Having an MBA may be useful to manage corporations..... but in church we do just fine if we just manage our family well.

Recently.. Elizabeth Edwards pass away..

Remember Her husband John Edward ran for President 2008? His campaign was doom from start because not manage family well & fathered a child out of an affair.

As we about to start another year of service, may we strive [I & my household= right before God

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We would say: That= spectacular sunrise Rain is gone & sun is back

I believe.. David knows that when we exercise spiritual Leadership.. God blessed him thru out his reign as king .. God will bless GBC Even in political world.. Where politicians get away with plenty..this is true

Summary: Spiritual. Leader is effective because

- 1. he is set apart by God**
- 2. he chooses to be led by the HS**
- 3. he rules according to God's teaching and know he is accountable to God**
- 4. he and his household is right before God**

King Saul



**Don't be like Saul;
he was not an
effective spiritual
leader.**

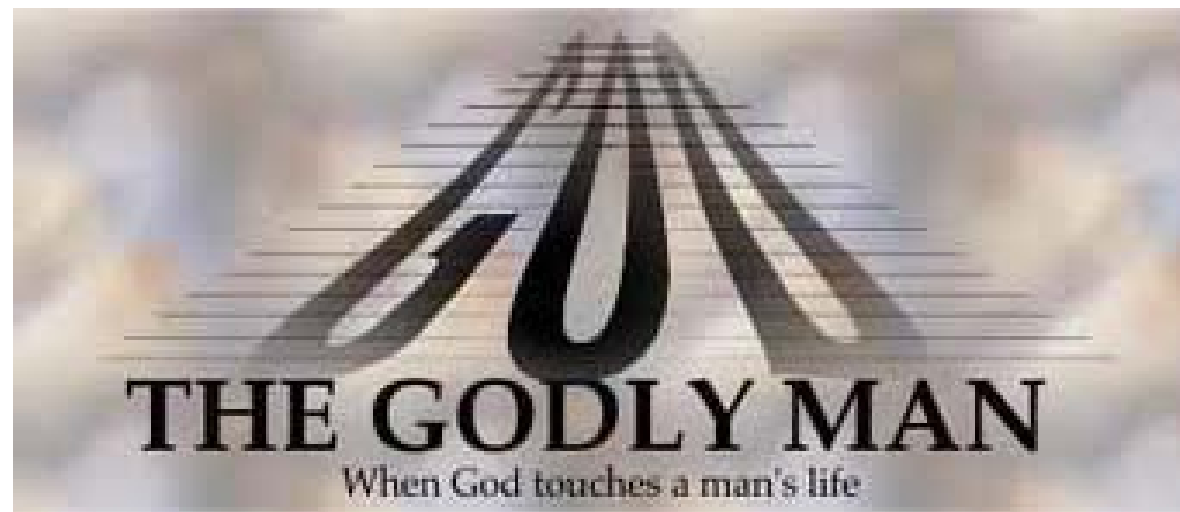
Look at 1 Chronicle 10:13-14:

¹³ Saul died because he was unfaithful to LORD; he did not keep word of the LORD & even consult medium for guidance

¹⁴ & did not inquire of LORD. So the LORD put him to death & turn the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

Be like David

May we strive to be effective spiritual Leaders in GBC in the years to come



The End

