

The Divisions of Priests - 1 Chronicles 24:1-31

Topics: Accountability, Administration, Church, Fairness, Favoritism

Open It

- * 1. Who is the most organized person in your family?
- 2. How do you react to a person who believes he or she deserves special treatment because of his or her family name or seniority?

Explore It

- 3. Who was the ancestor of all the priests of Israel? (24:1)
- 4. Who were the two sons of Aaron from whom all the priests came? (24:2)
- * 5. Why did David divide the priests into specific groups? (24:3)
- 6. How were the priests divided and assigned to serving times and order? (24:5)
- * 7. How did the Israelites ensure fairness and objectivity in how the priests' duties were assigned? (24:5, 31)
- 8. How many lots did the priest draw? (24:18)
- * 9. Where did the prescribed regulations for the priests originate? (24:19)
- 10. Who was the original ancestor of the nation's clergy? (24:20)
- 11. What role did the age of descendants play in how they were assigned their duties? (24:31)

Get It

- 12. How would our families today be different if all of our children followed their parents' occupation as did the descendants of Aaron and Levi?
- * 13. Why did the Israelites give the job assignments to the priests and Levites based on a drawing of lots and without regard for family or birth order?
- 14. How can favoritism hurt a family, an organization, or a church?
- 15. What role can personal ego play in the leadership problems a church might be having?
- 16. How can order and structure in a church give freedom to worship God? How can it stifle worship?
- 17. In what ways do we need to guard against overorganizing or underorganizing our lives? our worship? our churches?
- * 18. In what relationships or settings do you need to take steps to ensure objectivity and avoid favoritism?

Apply It

- * 19. What can you do to be objective and fair at home? at work or school? somewhere else?
- 20. What can you do this week at church to make new members or younger people feel just as important as those who have been members for a long time?
- 21. How can you use a gift for organizing or spontaneity to help others worship God?