

fixing up afterwards. But the ~~ablest~~ ablest of men is limited in time and energy, and can absolutely wear himself out if he does not learn to get help from others. The ablest of men will fail if he can't learn that -- to turn over tasks to others. To stand behind them in their mistakes. Not to criticize them ~~before~~ before others. But privately to talk with them and show them how to improve. The ablest of men has got to have able assistants if he is going to accomplish a great deal. And we don't know here whether Moses perhaps had failed to take the advantage of the helpers that he should have in the past. We don't know. Or whether he had been, and God was simply giving him further help now by giving these people something of the spirit that was upon Moses. God told him to go and get these 70 men that he knew to be the elders of the people and that he knew to be worthy of this task. Moses had been making selections in the past. He had been looking out for people's abilities and for training those who could assist him in the ~~God's~~ work. God gave him a big step forward in this. It is important to have assistance, but the importance of careful selection is very much to be kept in mind. When one takes over the leadership of a church or of any other organization, it is a mistake to be too quick in determining who one is going to put confidence in. You need to know people, to see their strong points and their weak points; to see whether they really will help you in your work or whether they are going to be looking out for themselves before you know how much confidence you can put into them. The importance of careful selection of those in whom we are to put confidence and those who are to help us, is a very important thing.

I was reading yesterday Robt. Sherwood's book about Roosevelt and Hopkins. Pres. Roosevelt soon after he got into power in Washington began to have a relation with a social worker named Harry Hopkins that many of Roosevelt's best friends could not understand. Hopkins had very little training or background for the tremendous confidence that Roosevelt put in him. Roosev -- Hopkins knew nothing of war, but Roosevelt knew a lot, but Roosevelt trained Hopkins and he represented him with Churchill, with Stalin all over the world he represented him and Roosevelt told these