

Ezra Part 11
“Overwhelming Responsibility”
Chapter 8:1-23

•**Ezra 7:28** Because the hand of the LORD my God was on me, I took courage.

•**528 BC**- First wave of Jewish exiles returned with Zerubbabel

• **515 B.C.** - Temple is completed

•**458 B.C.** Second wave of exiles return with Ezra

4 specific strengths for handling responsibility:

Strength #1: _____ **to the Lord**

•**Numbers 3:9** Give the Levites to Aaron and his sons (the priests); they are the Israelites who are to be given wholly to him.

•**1Corinthians 7:35** “...live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.”

Strength #2: _____ **on the Lord**

•**Matthew 6:33** Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all of these things will given to You as well.

Strength #3: _____ **in the Lord**

•**Ephesians 6:7-8** Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

Zechariah 4:6 ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

Strength #4: _____ **before the Lord**

† **Fasting is a time when you humbly deny the physical in order to better concentrate on the spiritual.**

•**Job 23:12** I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.