



**ABUNDANT LIFE GOSPEL CHURCH**  
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**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
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**TOPIC:** FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DEPENDABLE  
CHURCH LEADER AND WORKER

**STUDY II:** ABILITY

**TEXTS:** JUDGES 8:20, ECCLESIASTES 10:10

**INTRODUCTION:**

There are many people in church today who lack the ability to carry out the assignments of their professed units. They have been around for a while, yet they know little or nothing about the technique of their assignments. Such people can be likened to soldiers who have guns but do not know how to shoot them. These kind of people only add to the number of people in their units and cannot be depended on.

In our previous study, we saw that a dependable church leader or worker must be faithful in the assignment committed into his hands. Today, we shall be looking at ABILITY which is another quality of a dependable church leader or worker.

**WHAT IS ABILITY?**

Ability is the act of being competent. To be able means to possess the capacity to carry out a given task. Ability often comes in two forms:

**1. NATURAL OR INHERENT ABILITY:**

This is the ability one is born with. There are certain things you can perfectly do naturally with little or no struggle. That is your natural ability. This is just like the ability of a dog to bark or eat flesh. Everyone is born with at least one inherent/natural ability. Your ability and passion are important factors to be considered when making a choice of the unit to join or even a career to pursue. As a church leader or worker, join a unit where you naturally have the ability to do what is being done there. However, if you have passion for your unit but discover that you do not have the ability to effectively discharge the unit's responsibility, open up to learn.

**2. ACQUIRED ABILITY:**

This is the ability which one develops through consistent learning and training. To develop the capacity to do something, you must learn and be

trained. Even a natural ability that is not developed will soon become dormant and obsolete. Captain Jether in Judges 8:20 could not kill already captured and defeated enemies! What a shame!

Learning and training in the area of your calling will help to sharpen your edge. A blunt edge will waste much time and energy. This is why it is wisdom to spend time continuously to sharpen yourself in your area of calling - Ecclesiastes 10:10.

As a church leader or worker, you must make up your mind to be a professional in your area of service. Don't be a choir member who cannot identify the 12 keys of music or a Bible study teacher that will spend 5 minutes to open a Scripture reference.

Ability is developed through reading (Daniel 9:2), training (Eccl. 10:10), consistent use of or taking up responsibilities (Heb. 5:14), right relationship/mentorship (Prov. 27:17), seminars/workshops (Heb. 10:25) and prayers (James 1:5).

#### **CONCLUSION:**

As a leader or worker in church, it is your responsibility to develop yourself in your area of calling. This is because a worker who is not competent in his or her area of calling cannot be depended on. Remember, God will only give you resources and opportunities to do exploits in service based on your ability (Matt. 25:15).