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Genesis 49: 16-17

Our Spiritual Father Major 1, says in the Prophetic Manual Volume 3, "The Tribe of Dan represents those who are wise," Because of the wisdom displayed by the members of this tribe, they are part of the advisory team and provide guidance about matters requiring wisdom (p. 31).

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Mission

The tribe of Dan handles legal issues for the church and advises leaders and members facing legal matters or are victims of abuse.

- Watch over and defend our spiritual Parents reputation
- Advise the church
- Advise the people of God
- Interpret legal documents and rules and give advice
- Represent our spiritual Parent and the church when needed
- Stand for the church to defend cases of legal assault

Purpose

The Tribe of Dan helps ECG draw the boundaries, sets up the procedures, and safely and wisely keeps watch over the ministry and the people of God. That engagement aims to give ECG greater freedom to continue presenting the Gospel clearly and effectively to the community. That freedom may make a big difference in winning lost and hurting souls through:

1. The Prophet Reputation
2. Governance
3. Membership and leadership
4. Same-sex marriage
5. Para-church and for-profit activities
6. Third-party facility use
7. International ministry and fundraising
8. Child and youth protection
9. Church health insurance
10. Employment issues
11. Violence in the Church

The tribe of Dan is proactive in preventing and handling cases that may make it to court otherwise such as:

- Insurance claims,
- Child abuse,
- Property disputes,
- Religious freedom,
- Personal injuries.

The points identified are issues that cause crises and occur frequently in church operations (ADF, 2015; Hebda & Showers, 2015; Natt Gantt, II, Oates & Menefee, 2007).

Principles

Pursuing Justice as defined by God is justice rooted in God and His Word. The following principles will guide the mission of the Tribe of Gad.

Guard Each Other's Reputation - Romans 15:1-3; Acts 2:1-11

According to the book of Proverbs, honest behavior will preserve the blessing of a good

reputation: 'to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.' Prov. 22:1

Innocent Until Proven Otherwise

This principle is borrowed from the biblical system of justice. In Deuteronomy 19.15 we are told, "*A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.*" This command is not isolated as it is repeated as a core aspect of human justice throughout the Bible (Duet 17.6-7; Num.

35.30; Matt. 18.16; 1 Tim. 5.19; John 8.17; 2 Cor. 13.1)

People Sometimes Lie

Based on the Ten Commandments, people will feel tempted to lie about their neighbors to get what they want, *“Do not give false testimony against your neighbor”* (Exodus 20.16). If we want to pursue justice in a fallen world, then we cannot lose sight of the fallen nature of humanity when it comes to telling the truth.

Justice Requires Blindness to Who the Individual Is

The legal process is to be blind to the status of individuals. In both Exodus 23.3 and Leviticus 19.15 God tells us it is unjust to take into account who someone is when deciding what is true, right, and just. Exodus 23.3 says, *“Do not show favoritism to a poor person in his lawsuit”* and Leviticus 19.15 says, *“You must not act unjustly when deciding a case. Do not be partial to the poor or give*

preference to the rich; judge your neighbor fairly.

“Because, God shows no partiality (Rom. 2.11).

Before Passing Judgement, We Must Hear Both Sides

Proverbs 18.17 reminds us of another crucial principle of justice, “*The first to state his case seems right until another comes and cross-examines him.*”

Don't Join the Mob

Attackers and angry mobs often get justice wrong, particularly online. The pressure for our online denouncing of events is often done with an eye toward the online mob. Exodus 23.2 warns us, “*You must not follow a crowd in wrongdoing. Do not testify in a lawsuit and go along with a crowd to pervert justice.*” The importance of getting justice *right* far outweighs appeasing an angry mob which needs to be called to repentance.

Human Justice Will Only Ever be Human

The reason God laid out checks and balances in human justice is precisely because man apart from God can never practice justice fully or perfectly. It is only in the atoning sacrifice of Christ Jesus that we can be found just by the one who is the justifier (Rom. 3.26)

The Tribe of Dan Departments

1. The Prophet and the Ministry reputation
2. Internal Rules and regulation
3. Church Members legal Counseling
4. External Relations and Legal representation

The Prophet and the Ministry reputation

- Watch over the prophet reputation in the social media and beyond.
- Watch over the ministry.

Internal Rules and regulation: For proper governance to avoid or mitigate conflicts.

- Ascertain the articles and bylaws clearly describe the actual practice and doctrine of the church.

- Make sure governing documents take full advantage of the religious “shield” available to churches.
- Make sure governing documents (articles, bylaws, constitution, etc.) have binding and mandatory Christian mediation or arbitration clauses including NDA.
- ensure that the Ministry’s statement of faith addresses the key doctrinal points that your church practically emphasizes.

Church Members legal Counseling

- Provide Legal advice to members
- Offer legal counsel and representation
- Legal training session and seminars
- Conflict Management

External Relations and Legal representation

1. Contract Negotiation Assistance
2. Contracts Management
3. Lobby representation
4. Legal Networking

Members

1. Lawyers
2. Judges
3. Paralegals
4. The church members recognized for their wisdom

1. General Qualifications to be a member of the Dan Tribe

- Must be an active member of the church for at least “one” year.
- Must have a great reputation among the members and outsiders.
- Must agree to meet at least one time per month to pray with the other committee members.
- Must agree to never miss three meetings consecutively without a justifiable excuse that is approved by a majority of the group; otherwise, it will result in an involuntary resignation.

- Must agree to remain active in the church worship services, bible study, prayer services, major events, and members' meetings.
- Must agree to lead by example in tithing and voluntary church contributions.

1. Tribe structure

- a. Tribe Leader
 - i. Assistant Tribe Leader
- b. Departments Leaders
 - i. Co-department Leader
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Counselors

The Tribe Leader:

Must be of good reputation and be credible. Must acquire and display the ability to manage through spiritual gifting, administrative talent, and expertise.

The leader will:

- Set up, handle, lead, and chair all committee and members' meetings
- Cooperate with the pastor BAC in making decisions relative to the Tribe
- Make sure that assignments, projects, resolutions are carried into effect
- Lead by example by promoting the mission and purpose of the Tribe

A. Assistant Leader:

Works with the leader to complete the tasks.

The assistant replaces the leader when needed and performs the duties required of the position. If the tribe leader resigns (voluntary or involuntary), or dies, the assistant tribe leader befalls the leader.

Departments Leaders:

Every department leader works in with and under the control of the Tribe leader. The department leader responsibility is to:

- Ascertain that the department is performing resourcefully, and productively

- Plan, manage, direct, and preside all department meetings
- Serve as a liaison between your department and the other departments of the Tribe
- Motivate and watch over the spiritual growth of the members in the department while displaying personal spiritual growth
- Ensure that responsibilities, assignments, resolutions are effectively completed.

A department leader must:

- Hold a good reputation and be credible
- Be able to administer through spiritual gifting, administrative expertise, and natural administrative talents
- Handle conflict resolution and manage conflicts among committee members
- Collaborate with the pastor and leader of the Tribe in making decisions about the department

- Be a coordinator for the department to make sure that it is operating smoothly, preserving order and discipline.

B. Co-Department Leader:

Works with the department leader to complete the tasks. The co-leader replaces the leader when needed and perform the duties required of the position. If the tribe leader resigns (voluntary or involuntary), or dies, the assistant tribe leader befalls the leader.

Secretary of the Tribe:

The secretary's main responsibility is to keep the minutes of every meeting and provide a summary of the previous meetings displaying major discussions/decisions and keep the archives of the Tribe. Additional duties include:

- Update absentees of their tasks
- Contact committee members to remind them of meetings

- Prepare and manage correspondence, reports, and documents
- Organize meetings, conferences, and travel arrangements, (collaborate with Media for equipment needed for meetings)
- Maintain schedules and calendars
- Arrange and confirm appointments
- Handle incoming mail and other materials such as letters of requests for any staff under the Tribe
- Set up and maintain filing systems
- Maintain databases (staff assignments, schedules, visitors' information, etc.)
- Communicate verbally and in writing to answer inquiries and provide information
- Serve as the liaison between internal and external contacts of the Tribe
- Coordinate the flow of information both internally and externally through

e-mail, phone calls, word of mouth,
etc.

Treasury of the Tribe:

The treasure will work very closely with the church finance committee. The treasurer is responsible for:

- Keeping accurate financial records
- Providing financial reports to the pastor, tribe leader and members upon request, and at every Tribe meeting. The treasurer will collaborate with the church finance committee to:
 - Oversee and motivate members'/ visitors' contributions
 - Execute accountability for the entrusted funds
 - Direct funds to proper channels
 - Develop and propose a yearly budget

Counselors of the Tribe

The counselors are responsibilities are:

- Ensuring that the group is performing right and making the right decisions
- Helping and counseling all the members of the tribe
- Serving as veterans and liaisons between the church members and the tribe to provide guidance on what to do and what to avoid.

Action Points

The tribe must

1. Develop an action plan to get approved by the local pastor and BAC
2. Produce a calendar of activities to include in the church calendar
3. Present a monthly report of activities to the local pastor

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