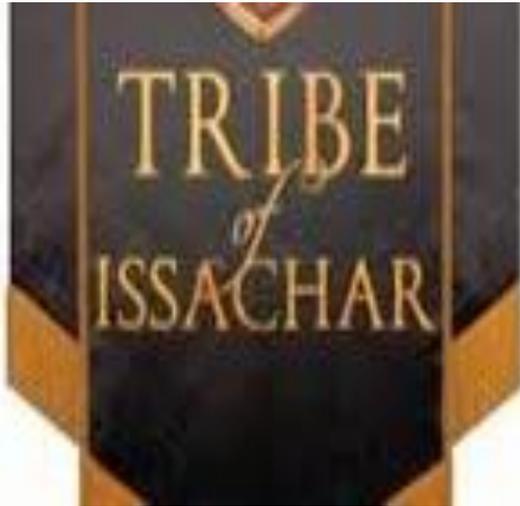


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Genesis 49: 14-15

The Prophet, Major I, in the Prophetic Manual Volume 1 spoke about the sons of Issachar as the people who understood the times and could guide the Israelites on what to do. In the Prophetic Manual Volume 3, the Prophet call them “The strong donkey and servants” because they intercede for the ministry and others. The tribe of Issachar operates “behind the scenes in the prophetic ministry” and focus on intercepting the arrows of the enemy. They carry the burden of the Ministry and the people. Prophetic Intercessors are watchmen for God, they pray from a place of victory, believing that no situation is hopeless.

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Mission

The Tribe of Issachar is a group of intercessors in ECG that uses victorious and spiritual warfare prayers to apprehend and appropriate the promises, heart, will, and mind of God for our spiritual parents, the church, the community, all saints, all men, friends, children, the sick, the homeless, the downtrodden and the nations of the world.

- An intercessor reminds the Lord of His promises until they are fulfilled. ISAIAH 62:6-7
- An Intercessor is one who fights (or pleads) for Justice, to prevail on behalf of another. Isaiah 59:15 & 16
- According to Ezekiel 13: 4 & 5, An intercessor is one who builds the wall (or hedge) of protection around the servants and the people of God.
- An intercessor is one who stands between God's judgment and His people and pleads for mercy. Ezekiel 22:29 & 30

- An intercessor must be willing to grow in effectiveness, and always desire to grow in the experiential knowledge of God. Be willing to
 - Grow in the understanding of God's Character
 - Grow in the knowledge of nature and the authority in Christ Jesus when standing before God in intercession.

Achieving that mission requires:

- Consistent Prayer schedule
- Fasting as a way of life
- Diligently maintain your prayer list
- Let God judge others

Purpose

The Tribe of Issachar aims to pray and seek the face of God prophetically for our Spiritual Parents, The regional and National Pastors, ECG leaders, children, family, church, nations and all as part of our abiding relationship with our God. The tribe knows that men always ought to pray and not faint

and to pray without ceasing (Colossians 4:2). The tribe members' commitment to this ministry will be the "Elisha commitment" (2 Kings 2: 2, 4 & 6).

Principles

Members of the tribe of Issachar are committed to live and maintain a holy life that will be pleasing to God. Which makes them useful vessels for God's grace and glory. The tribe consistently uses fasting and praying in order to accomplish God's will and purposes in the ministry and the Kingdom of God (Matthew 17: 14- 21). The principles governing the tribe:

- Make very sure your heart is clean before God by giving the Holy Spirit time to convict in case there is any unconfessed sin. (Psalm 66:18)
- Die to personal imaginations, desires, and burdens, for how one, think one should pray. (Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 28:26)

- Ask God to bear positive witness with you by the Holy Spirit, and then thank Him in faith for doing so. (Ephesians 5:20)
- Praise God in faith for the remarkable prayer time you are going to have. He is a remarkable God and will do something consistent with His character.
- Deal aggressively with the enemy. Come against him in the all-powerful name of Jesus Christ, and the sword of the Spirit. (James 4:7)
- Use the Word of God to support prayer topics throughout a prayer session
- Treat prayer topics with great discretion and confidentiality
- Pray through asking, seeking and knocking until something happens (Matthew 7: 7-12).
- Consider fasting as part of the prayers (Zechariah 7:5).
- Remember the words of our Lord: “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that

whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you” (John 15:16) (IHP, 2016; Lee, 2019).

Members

Members of the Issachar Tribe can be recruited among church members. They must be prayer warriors and display the followings:

1. **Dedication.** An intercessor must be committed to Christ, to others and to the task of intercession. Colossians 3: 23-24
2. **Reliability.** God does not look at the ability, but rather at the availability.
3. **Integrity.** Psalm 26:11-12
4. **Empathy.** Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 Corinthians 12:26
5. **Kindness.** Kindness is a necessary commodity for the intercessor-advocate. Colossians 3:12
6. **Discipline.** Discipline is fundamental to successful intercession work. Romans 5:3-5
7. **Leadership ability.** (Rom. 12:3)

8. Good character. Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-7

9. A good team player. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Philippians 2:3-4

10. High level of discretion. Proverbs 5:2; Proverbs 29:18

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

- Must be an active member of the church for at least 6 months.
- Must have a great reputation among the members and outsiders.
- Must agree to meet as often as needed to pray with the other tribe 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. Secretary
- c. Treasurer (if needed)
- d. Counselors (if Needed)

The Tribe Leader:

Must love prayer, be compassionate, humble and of good reputation. Must acquire and display the ability to manage through spiritual gifting, administrative talent, and expertise. The leader will:

- Set up, schedule, and maintain prayer 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.

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 also 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 prayers and meetings 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 for internal activities to the tribe, and in relation to the church
- 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 to the tribe projects
 - Execute accountability for the entrusted funds for the project

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 (if any)
3. Present a monthly report of activities to the local pastor

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