



## **“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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**TEXT: EZRA 7:1-10**

**TITLE: SUCCESS GOD’S WAY**

### **EZRA 7:1-10**

- A. A lot of people view success differently
- B. Some view success as having a lot of money
- C. Some view success as being famous
- D. Some view success as having a career that you have always dreamed of
- E. Sometimes, even we as believers view success as having a title as: “Reverend”, “Deacon”, Or having our name called on the announcements
- F. But from God’s view point, real success is being fully committed to God

### **EZRA A SUCCESSFUL MAN (VERSES 1-9)**

- A. After these things – the completion of rebuilding the temple and the dedication in Ezra 6:14-21 during the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia – Ezra comes on the scene
- B. Ezra came from a priestly background. His priestly roots can be traced all the way back to Aaron, and his sons, and the rest of the priestly lineage
- C. He was a former slave in Babylon, and has now return to Jerusalem
- D. He was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses-which was given by the LORD God of Israel. He was the one that practiced studying, copying, and teaching the Law of Moses
- E. The king granted Ezra’s request according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. The hand of the LORD his God upon- means grace granted to Ezra/ the Lord found favor in the life of Ezra
- F. The reason for Ezra’s success? God
- G. The reason why Ezra was able to leave Babylon on the first day of the first month, and arrive to Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month, was because the hand of the Lord was upon him

### **COMMITTED TO GOD’S WORD (VERSE 10)**

- A. Why was the hand of the Lord upon Ezra?
- B. Ezra prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD. It was not a matter of keeping up with the rituals and traditions of his day. It was a strong desire to seek Law of the Lord
- C. Have we prepared our hearts to seek word of God?
- D. He also desired to do the Law of the LORD
- E. Do we desire to be doers of God’s word?
- F. Then he desired to teach others
- G. Once we seek the word of God and desire to do it, we can teach others

**BEING COMMITTED TO OBEYING GOD IS SUCCESS GOD’S WAY**