

My Client or My Calling?

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As I tried to fulfill my priesthood responsibilities, the Lord showed me that He was aware of my financial situation.

When I was called as elders quorum president in 2000, only seven elders were attending priesthood meeting. Also, we weren't doing a good job of making our home teaching—now ministering—visits.

I knew we faced a great challenge to inspire the elders to step up. So, for starters, we decided to reorganize assignments and increase supervision.

Because I am a self-employed attorney, I travel a lot. I am very busy, but I wanted to fulfill my priesthood responsibilities.

One day, I had to travel by bus to another city to follow up with a client. Because my finances were tight, I hoped that my client would agree to pay me an advance.

On the way to catch the bus, I decided to go see some quorum members and encourage them to visit their families. Some had forgotten but committed to do so. Others committed to finish their visits that very week.

I was so excited by their commitments that I decided to visit and encourage other quorum members. Before I knew it, it was past

noon. So, instead of leaving town, I decided to go to my office to review the client's case.

To my surprise, when I arrived at my office, my client was standing outside with another person. I explained to my client that I was about to review his case and would have a report for him the next day. He said he had come to introduce me to a new client. After his friend and I had talked, we agreed on a fee for me to help him solve his legal matter. Then, suddenly, my client offered to pay me an advance.

For me, that was a miracle. Heavenly Father knew I was trying to be faithful to Him. He also knew my needs. He has blessed me in many ways over the years, but this time His blessing came financially. He fulfilled His word in the scriptures to those who serve Him: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

And our elders quorum? The Lord blessed us as we moved ahead with a unified spirit. Our home teaching soon rose to 100 percent, and our priesthood attendance increased to 35 faithful elders.

I testify that we can all be instruments in the work of the Lord and find joy and blessings in serving Him by serving others. ■

