

Serve God's Purpose Part 2

Honor Your Father and Your Mother and Accept God's Call in Your Life

“1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:1-3 KJV)

We will continue in this message to study from the life of King David and learn good things from God's Word in order to apply them in our lives.

King David obeyed the instructions of his father. The Word of God tells us: ***“16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.” (Deuteronomy 5:16 KJV)*** Why did God say in His Word, ***“Honor thy father and thy mother”***? Because the parents are the one responsible to care for the children physically, and to teach them and train them in the Word of God, so when they will obey their parents who give them the Word of God they are obeying God, and in such they will be blessed, for they will have prolonged life and it will go well with them. David obeyed his father as we can read in the following instances:

A. David listened and obeyed his father when his father sent for him to meet Samuel: “11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.” (1 Samuel 16:11-12 KJV)

B. David listened to his father and obeyed him when his father sent him to play the harp for King Saul: “20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.” (1 Samuel 16:20-22 KJV)

C. David listened to his father when his father sent him to his brothers who were in the battlefield: “17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren; 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.” (1 Samuel 17:17-20 KJV)

The father of David was doing God's will and obeying God's Word, so when David was obeying his father he was obeying God. As David obeyed his father he was serving God's purpose, and he received God's blessings.

My Dear and Beloved: When David was sent the first time, he was anointed as king. When David was sent the second time, he received his first position in service to God. The third time that he was sent he got the opportunity to kill Goliath. David obeyed his father as his father was obeying God.

You need to listen to your parents and to your spiritual parents, the church leaders and the overseer who trained you and keep watching over your soul. You need to listen and obey them as long as they are telling you the Word of God and the purpose of God in your life. In doing so God's will and purpose will prevail and you will serve God's purpose in the generation that you are living.

But to the contrary to that if your father or your parents are not followers of God and are not commanding you with the Word of God then simply you need to respect them but you are not obliged to honor and follow the instructions that they give to you as long as they are not in line with the Scripture. This is what God instructed the Israelites about not following the instructions of their fathers as their parents were not following God but their own idols: ***“18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: 19 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; 20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.” (Ezekiel 20:18-20 KJV)*** * God ultimately wants you to follow His Word and if your parents are not telling you the Word of God then you don't need to honor and do what they are saying to you, because in such they are misleading you and taking you away from God. * Therefore, we as parents need to be very careful how to instruct our children, because if we will instruct them against the Word of God then God will teach our children neither to listen to our instruction nor to follow our advices.

Jesus honored His parents and submitted to their authority when He was a child: ***“51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” (Luke 2:51-52 KJV)*** But when Jesus was doing God's service and His mother and brothers came to Him and sent for Him to meet them He did not go out in honor to His mother and brothers request: ***“31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. 32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.” (Mark 3:31-35 KJV)*** ***“46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. 47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. 48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.” (Matthew 12:46-50 KJV)*** * Therefore you need to know that if you will honor and obey your parents who are not saying to you the Word of God then you are contrary to God, and so He will be contrary to you and He will not bless you. * But if

your parents are telling you the very Word of God and the very will of God then you need to honor them and do what they are instructing you to do.

“4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:4-5 KJV) The other aspect that we can learn from the life of David is that David accepted God’s call in his life.

This is the account of God’s calling for David: ***“1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. 7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.” (1 Samuel 16:1-13 KJV)*** As simple as this was the setting when David was anointed as king. God called him and he responded to God’s call, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power from that day on. He did not question, he did not refuse and he did not doubt. After he was anointed acted normally and was going smoothly as God was leading him step by step and from place to place.

This same happens to us as workers who respond to the calling of God and obey His every command. We receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit when we maintain a pure heart and a willing spirit to serve God and to obey His will in our lives. **God has called you in many occasions, and even now as you hear and read this message He is calling you. How you respond to that call is your responsibility toward God; how you comply to His will and to His plan in your life is how you will be blessed. Trust God and obey Him. Don’t look to the obstacles in your life and don’t be negative in your mind. Be reminded that, “24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:24 KJV)**

David was a youth when he was called by God and that was not a hindrance for him to respond to the call of God in his life even he was the youngest of all his brethren, but that did not hinder him from moving forward with God and with the good plan that He had for him. His respond to the call of God in his live inspite of his young age goes along the instruction of Paul to Timothy, ***“12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12 KJV)***

Mary when God called her to carry Jesus in her womb, even she was a young virgin, she responded to the call of God in her life and accepted that with faith as she said the following to the angels that announced to her that she was chosen by God: ***“38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1:38 KJV)*** So keep the same in your mind and believe in your heart: ***“37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.” (Luke 1:37 KJV)***

My Dear and Beloved: The calling of David was during a critical period in the life of God’s people. At that time Saul was the king but he failed God, and there was a job needed to be done. David, when he was anointed to be king, he was not aware of all the works ahead of him. Right now you may not be aware why God is calling you and for what purpose. But the most important thing that you must know is this: **There is a work needed to be done and that is why God is calling you to do it. And you will be blessed as you agree to obey God’s call and start to do.**

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God in Heaven, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your clear Word to me and the teaching that I received in this message about honoring my parents and those who are giving me and leading with your Word, and about the calling of yours in my life. Lord thank you for all the Scriptures and the examples that I learned in this message to help me to apply in my life.

Confess and renounce now all your sins. Confess and renounce your disobedience to your parents and to those who gives you God’s instructions. Confess and renounce your delayed obedience, your stubbornness, and doing your own will and not the will of God. Confess and renounce your doubts, your lack of faith and your reluctant to respond to the calling of God in your life and what He wants you to do for Him. Confess your fear of man and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Confess all the idols and the wrong practices of your parents. Confess your lies, your lust and your immoralities. Confess and renounce your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess and renounce your bondage and yoke with many non believers and friends, and your bondage to the social Media, News and games. Confess your lack of reading of God’s Word and your lack of prayers. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____

Lord God, thank you for your message to me. Lord, make me humble and give me a teachable heart to listen to my parents who are telling me your Word. Lord, help me to listen to my spiritual parents who are instructing me with your Word. I know that in obeying their instructions I will be in line with your will. Lord, help me to do your purpose in my life and in the life of the generation that I am serving. Lord God, thank you for calling me to serve you.

Here I am, set me apart and anoint me with the power of your Holy Spirit. Lord, equip me and give me wisdom so I can serve you wholeheartedly, to achieve your purpose in my life, and to serve my own generation in accordance to your Will. Please give me perseverance to achieve this purpose and your calling in my life. This is all I ask and pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and come back to you willing to do your Word and the instruction that they receive in this message to honor their Godly parents and those who teach them your Word, and are willing to respond to your calling in their lives. Lord pour out your Holy Spirit on them to equip them to go and serve you and do your work and your will. Lord lead them and provide their needs to continue to serve you.

Lord, we commit ourselves as your church to teach your Word to our children and disciples and to declare to them your will and about your calling in their lives. Lord lead us to lay hand on and commissioned those whom you call to go on and serve you. Lord continue to lead us with your Holy Spirit to the things that you wants us to do and achieve for you. Lord we commit ourselves to go forward reaching new people and places with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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