

THE LAW OF INVITATION

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(1st Kings 13:1-7)

The law of invitation is a Kingdom law. This law **PROTECTS** you from being rejected by people, places and environments. When you abide by this law, you will **AVOID** feeling the pain of rejection and disappointment.

Remember this wisdom key. People will not reject whom they've invited. If you want to feel the pleasure of being accepted, go where you're **INVITED**.

When an environment is willing to **ACCEPT** you for who you are, you will **NOT** feel the pressure to be someone else. When people are willing to **ACCEPT** who you are, you will feel the freedom to be honest, vulnerable and authentic. The only time you will feel the pressure to "fit in" is when you decide to go to a place where you were **NEVER** invited.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FIT IT:
HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD GO WHERE YOU ARE
INVITED.

- You will be **CELEBRATED** where you are invited.
- You will be **HONORED** where you are invited.
- You will be **REWARDED** where you are invited.
- You will be **ACCEPTED** where you are invited.
- You will be **VALUED** where you are invited.
- You will be **APPRECIATED** where you are invited.
- You will be **COMFORTABLE** where you are invited.
- Your **GREATNESS** will be highlighted where you are invited.

- Your **GIFTS** will be utilized where you are invited.

GOD'S FAVOR IS STORED IN THE PLACES OF INVITATION!

GO WHERE YOU ARE INVITED

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The biggest mistake people make is to invite **THEMSELVES** into an environment where they're not wanted. Never go to a place where you "think" you are needed. Go to places where you were invited.

Being accepted has nothing to do with the way you think. It is about how the individual **THINKS ABOUT YOU**. When people **SEE** something in you they admire, like, love, appreciate or value they will invite you into their circle.

Stop going to places where **YOU THINK** you belong.

Start going to the places where you were **INVITED**. In 1st Kings 13:1-7 a man was sent from God to speak against the alter that king Jerobam offered as a sacrifice. The man of God obeyed the command of the Lord.

However, when the man of God did this, king Jerobam raised his hand from the alter and pointed to the man of God commanding that he be taken. When the king did this, his arm became paralyzed. When the king's arm was immobilized, the alter broke into pieces and its ashes fell to the ground.

An amazing thing happened in 1st Kings 13:6. The same king who wanted to put the man of God under captivity, asked him for prayer. 1st Kings 13:6 says, "*Then the King said to the man of God, "Please pray to the Lord your God for me, and ask him to heal my arm."*"

When this gracious and merciful man of God prayed to the Lord the king's arm was healed. **PRIOR** to the king's

arm becoming paralyzed, he **DID NOT SEE** anything admirable, valuable or celebratory about the man of God. Nevertheless, **AFTER** the man of God healed his paralyzed arm, the king was able to **SEE** the man of God's value.

When the king saw the man of God's value, he **INVITED** him into his home to eat with him, where there would be a gift waiting for him. Think about this. If this man of God invited himself into the king's presence, he would have been killed. Yet, when he was **INVITED** by the king; he was honored.

**THE WAY PEOPLE TREAT YOU WILL ALWAYS
DEPEND ON AN INVITATION.**

If you go somewhere **UNINVITED**, you will be treated badly. However, if you go where you've been invited, you will be treated well. It is amazing how the king's attitude changed when his **PERCEPTION CHANGED**.

MARKETING YOURSELF TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION

This man of God was able to change the king's perception of him instantly. The same king who wanted to hold him captive, changed, and ultimately honored him. How did this man of God do this?

The answer is very simple. **HE SOLVED THE KING'S PROBLEM.** When you are able to solve problems for people they will invite you into their environment. If you want to receive more invitations, **BECOME A PROBLEM SOLVER.**

This man of God **CHANGED** the king's perception, attitude and mindset by simply solving his problem. The favor you are seeking from God is hidden within the problems you are **CAPABLE** of solving. When you honor the law of invitation, you will **AVOID** the pain of rejection.

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