

THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A TITLE

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1st Samuel 18:6-7

Titles attract opportunities. The bigger the title, the greater the opportunity. Money attracts resources. The more money you have the more resources you can attain.

You should **NOT** be title driven. However, having a title behind your name is important. A title will open doors that your mouth cannot access. Your title will attract attention that your looks cannot invite. Your title will draw a level of respect that your efforts cannot achieve.

People who hold significant titles have the edge to go farther faster because of the power the title holds. Even if the person who is holding the title is not the smartest, their title will give them the **OPPORTUNITY** to expose their stupidity.

TITLES ATTRACT OPPORTUNITIES!

If you are the Vice President of a company you will garner a significant amount of respect from people before you say a word. If you are the mayor of a city you will attract more attention from the media even though you are not looking for it. Anyone who tells you titles do not matter is lying to you.

A woman who is married wants to be called a wife because titles matter. A man who is married wants to be called a husband because titles matter. A person who graduated from Medical School wants to be called a Doctor because titles matter.

GOD WANTS YOU TO CARRY A TITLE

The Lord knows the importance of carrying a title behind your name. Our Lord carries many titles behind His name. He carries the titles of King, Savior, Provider, Healer, Priest, Lord, etc. His titles reflect His abilities and stature.

The purpose and importance of carrying a title is to communicate your ability to people **WITHOUT** demonstrating your ability. For example, If you are a Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.) you are claiming to have the ability to govern an organization. Remember, **TITLES ATTRACT OPPORTUNITIES.**

The type of opportunities you will attract will depend on the type of title you hold. For example, a Dentist will not attract an opportunity to be a Chief Financial Officer. God puts us in positions where we are forced to carry titles so we can **INFLUENCE** our environment with the least amount of effort.

People who carry significant titles do not fight for influence, they **INHERIT** it. When they speak, their words matter. God does not want His people to walk on the earth powerless. The Lord wants His people to be powerful. However, He knows that a portion of that power comes from having a title behind your name.

SAME PERSON, NEW TITLE.

Before David became the king of Israel he was a Sheppard. People looked over him. His own family did not listen to him. David was a man of God but he had no impact or influence because his title was meaningless.

During these times the title Sheppard did not carry the significance as it does today. That title was looked down upon. It was a lowly position. When Samuel anointed David as the next king of Israel, his destiny changed but **NOT** his title.

Honor from the world does not come when you are anointed. It comes when you have a title. - F.H.

Even though God favored David, the world and David's peers refused to acknowledge him. However, things changed when David's title changed. 1st Samuel 16:21 says, "*When David came to Saul, he began to serve him.*"

Saul liked David and made him the officer who carried his armor.”

When David went from being a Sheppard to being an officer in king Saul’s army the people in Israel saw David in a new light. David’s title awarded him with the **OPPORTUNITY** to fight **PRESTIGIOUS** battles.

David was victorious in every battle. God blessed David in the pasture and in battle but the difference in **RESPECT** was the title he carried. As David successes began to mount up the people’s praises of him increased.

1st Samuel 18:6-7 says, “After David had killed the Philistine, he and the men returned home. Women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul.

They sang songs of joy, danced, and played tambourines and stringed instruments. As they played, they sang, “Saul has killed thousands of his enemies, but David has killed tens of thousands.”

David never changed who he was. His **TITLE** changed what he **RECEIVED**.

As a Sheppard, David received obscurity. As an officer he received praise. When God puts you in a position with a prestigious title He is blessing you with **INFLUENCE**, **RESPECT** and **HONOR**.

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