

# THE SECRETS TO ELEVATION

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2nd Corinthians 8:9

Hard work is **NOT** the secret to elevation. It is one of the ingredients. Knowledge is **NOT** the secret to elevation. It is part of the formula. Work ethic is **NOT** the secret to elevation.

The secret to elevation has **NOTHING** to do with self effort. No matter what you do, you **CANNOT** elevate yourself. Psalm 75:6-7 says, *"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."*

In-spite of what your boss, friends, family or mentors may tell you, promotion comes from the Lord. The secret to elevating in any area of your life is hidden in the life of King Jesus. King Jesus showed us how a person is elevated. He elevated humanity by one simple act.

# HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF!

## KINGDOM PRINCIPLE

*"You cannot be elevated without someone being willing to sacrifice on your behalf."*

Humanity was destined for hell. King Jesus was the **ONLY** person who could redeem humanity from sin and death. When He died on the cross and **SACRIFICED HIMSELF** for our benefit He **ELEVATED** humanity from the depths of hell to the gates of Heaven.

Without Jesus sacrifice we couldn't of prospered. 2nd Corinthians 8:9 says, *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, **YET FOR YOUR SAKES** he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."*

King Jesus was **NEVER** born poor. He **BECAME** poor because He sacrificed His glory for our filthiness. **HIS SACRIFICE ELEVATED US** to be rich in Christ Jesus. **HIS**

**SACRIFICE ELEVATED US** from being spiritually ignorant to being wise. His sacrifice enabled us to live an abundant life rather than an impoverished life.

The secret to elevating to a higher level is finding **SOMEONE WHO IS WILLING TO SACRIFICE ON YOUR BEHALF**. It is not easy to find people who are willing to sacrifice their wants and needs for your benefit.

Trying to find someone to do this is nearly impossible. You may encounter a few good hearted people who may be willing to sacrifice what they have temporarily. However, it is **UNLIKELY** that you will find people who will sacrifice for you all the time.

## THE GOOD NEWS

Do not be discouraged. You **DO NOT** have to find people who will be willing to sacrifice for you. God will **SEND** them to you. God never told you to find these people.

However, all throughout the scripture God has sent many people to sacrifice on the behalf of others. For example,

- Moses sacrificed his lifestyle to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses was **SENT** to the Israelites.
- The Prophet Jeremiah sacrificed his childhood to prophesy the Word of the Lord to an evil nation. Jeremiah was **SENT**.
- King Jesus sacrificed His glory in Heaven to redeem humanity from sin and death. He was **SENT** by His Heavenly Father.

Who has been sent to sacrifice for your benefit? You may be thinking, no one, but that's **NOT** true. God has sent different people during different seasons of your life to sacrifice for you. The first set of people to do this for you were your parents.

Your parents or parent made many sacrifices for you. Without the sacrifices of your parents you **WOULDN'T OF HAD** shelter to keep you safe, food to keep you healthy, advice to increase your understanding, love to soften your heart and freedom to enjoy your childhood.

Anytime God wants to elevate you to a new level He will send someone to your life who is **ASSIGNED** to sacrifice for your benefit. They will be happy to do without so you can have more. They will be content with taking a back seat so you can sit in the front row.

When these people enter your life it is your responsibility to **RECOGNIZE** and **HONOR** them. Unfortunately, these people are not recognized nor honored as being elevators. They are looked down upon as being foolish.

When you pray for God to elevate you He will send someone who is **ASSIGNED TO SACRIFICE FOR YOU!** This is the **ONLY** way elevation and promotion can occur.

Anyone who has been elevated during any season in their life has benefitted from the sacrifices of another person. People who are **SENT** to sacrifice **FOR YOU** are worthy of honor.

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