

The Formula for Elevation

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2 Kings 2:9-14 (NASB)

9 When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me what I should do for you before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”

10 He said, “You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.”

11 And as they were walking along and talking, behold, a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and they separated the two of them. Then Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.

12 And Elisha was watching it and he was crying out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” And he did not see [b]Elijah again. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 He also took up the coat of Elijah that had fallen from him, and he went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 Then he took the coat of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the waters, and said, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

It's amazing that when God puts something in the atmosphere, whoever grabs it and puts it in operation, becomes successful. For years we've been told that there is no shortcut to success. However, they lied. Mentorship is the secret sauce for success and elevation. It is literally experience without the pain of having to experience it. When we read our Bibles, we find that the qualifications for elevation are quite similar to the qualifications of going viral on social media. With this in mind let us examine the formula for success: **Like, Follow, Subscribe & Share.**

Genesis 13:2-6 (NASB)

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

4 to the place of the altar which he had made there previously; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

5 Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks, herds, and tents.

6 And the land could not support both of them while living together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together.

Desire is crucial for elevation. Elevation requires discerning when someone is on another level than we are. Recognition of the fact that we can only be promoted by someone on a different level, puts us in position to receive mentorship. Abram was blessed. He was on another level. Lot recognized and liked the blessing. So, he made sure he was associated with Abram.

1. I must like what's on the next level enough to want it in my life.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NASB)

18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people."

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets; and He called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

All the men in this scripture were fishermen. However, Jesus fished on a different level than Peter, Andrew, James and John. He says, "Follow me and you'll catch more valuable fish." Elevation is available. But we won't just arrive there. We must be led there. We're not born ready. We must become ready. Mentorship readies us for elevation. **A GREAT LEADER MUST FIRST BE A GREAT FOLLOWER.**

2. I must follow well enough to learn the ways of the next level.

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NASB)

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God is opposed to the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time,

If we are to be all God is calling us to be, we must become a disciples. The scriptures teach us that, ***"No discipline seems good for the presence, nevertheless after while. (Hebrews 12:11)*** Every uncommon leader, minister or uncommon person for that matter must remain humble during seasons of perceived insignificance. That's the time we should be learning. How we see, serve, sow and submit is what's qualifying us for our next level. **SO, EVEN IF WE FEEL OVERLOOKED OR UNSEEN, WE MUST KNOW THAT GOD IS WATCHING. HE WILL ELEVATE US AT THE PROPER TIME.**

3. I must subscribe to the disciplines of the next level.

John 14:12 (NASB)

12 Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father.

Mark 16:15 (NASB)

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

I'm not worthy of having it, if I'm unwilling to share. It's so interesting how many people pride themselves on being the only one who ever did something. They're the only one in their family who ever graduated, owned a home or stayed married. **YOU MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONLY ONE. BUT, NOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO SHARE AND REPRODUCE...**

4. I must share the next level with the world.

Throughout the scripture there is a concept that is often lacking in today's generation. It's amazing how we can take biblical principles and concepts and use them to be successful in the Earth. If we will learn to submit and be mentored, elevation is inevitable. We must remember to make the formula for success the discipline of our lives. **Like, Follow, Subscribe & Share**