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Anointed for Advancement **Changing our Level in Life**

1 Samuel 16:7 "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."

When Samuel went to find who God had chosen to be King of Israel he looked at Jesse's son Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." (v6). This prompted the Lord to respond to Samuel as he did in verse 7. As we know God had selected David to be the next king after Saul had failed to maintain his position as king through consistent disobedience.

It is common in life to feel you could not possibly fulfill the destiny God has called you to particularly when it appears in your eyes others are more capable. When God made it known to me I was called and chosen by Him to serve in the role as a Senior Pastor of a congregation it was hard to accept. I did not see myself as qualified nor did I see why the Lord would anoint me for such a task. There were many others around who I thought were capable and the more likely choice for the position. Furthermore, as God brought this change of responsibility into my life, many around believed it had to be a major mistake. In the eyes of most people I was not fit for such a responsibility. Their assessment of my outward appearance in conjunction with their personal evaluation of my personhood convinced them it was not possible that God anointed me to be a pastor.

It is highly likely David knew the prophet Samuel was there to choose the next king of Israel. And it is likely he realized no one thought he was fit to be selected. He did not leave the flock to even see the prophet. Samuel had to inquire of Jesse, David's father, if he had another son. I know the feeling. You see yourself as the invisible one. You and I should praise God that when **He decides to change the level of life** on which we operate that He never makes a mistake in placing His anointing on the right vessel. Be glad to know he does not allow our self assessment or other's assessment to make His choice. He looks at your heart and determines if you are a willing vessel to do His will. Aren't you glad about that!!

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