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Anointed for Advancement, Part II 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."

It is natural for us to desire to excel. Moving forward in life to another level is fulfilling. Some may not admit this desire and others express it often. Some who are reluctant to express their desire to advance may think it will never happen. On the other hand, some who speak about it often may be driven by their desire.

I see David as a believer in one being advanced to another level in life but he preferred to let the advancement take a natural course of event in his life. If you study the life of David then you may discover he excelled in the position he was as a shepherd of his father, Jesse's sheep. He mastered the art of using a sling to defend the sheep from its predators. He prepared for advancement when it would come by perfecting the tasks and position he was already given. This behavior reflected his heart to God that he would be ready to change his level and do well as God's servant as King. He was not driven by position as that does not prepare us for advancement. David was committed to excellence in whatever he was doing.

Changing to the next level requires us to excel in the position we already have. God knows our heart so be sure you are doing your best where you are to please God so you will be ready when He decides to anoint you for advancement.

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