

Elevating a Generation to Greatness through Christ

Elevation

To move or raise to a higher place or position; lift up. To raise to a higher state, rank, or office; exalt; promote. To raise to a higher intellectual or spiritual level.

- Are we *encouraging* one another to *elevate*?

Commanded to Elevate

Genesis 1:28 (KJV)

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Empowered to Elevate

John 14:12 (NKJV)

¹² “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

The empowerment for elevation is for all generations. It is the desire of Jesus that we do *greater* (further reaching) works than He did.

The purpose for elevation is so that you and I can fulfill our purpose and our mission.

We are not called to elevate ourselves. If we elevate ourselves before our time we will short circuit God's plans for our lives.

Jesus refused to let others elevate Him or make Him into something contrary to His purpose. Let God elevate you in His timing and you will be successful in the thing He created you to be and do.

Mephibosheth a Story of Elevation (2 Samuel 9)

There is room at the Lord's table for every believer of every generation, but it takes...

- Commitment (*qualifies*) – Joshua 24:15
- Calling (*positions*) - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Character (endurance) – Romans 5:3-4

However...

- Covetousness (breeds competition & conflicts) – Mark 3:24-25
 - When we don't see each other as a gift of God to one another, then we look at each other as obstacles.
 - And if I move you to get your chair, then I'm in the same place you are.

When we don't make room at the table, or when we come to the table the wrong way (wrong reasons) we can end up standing around the table waiting for those seated to:

- 1) *Quit*
- 2) Fall
- 3) *Fail*
- 4) Die

Healthy Generational Support of Elevation

“If I see any farther, it is because I stand on the shoulders of giants”
~ Abraham Lincoln

“I want my ceiling to be my children's floor”
~ Kenneth Brown

We need to *encourage* each generation (especially younger) by offering our shoulders to stand on.

Reasons we don't *offer* our shoulders

- Hurt shoulders
- *Unwilling* shoulders (Fear)
- Unworthy (feeling) shoulders
- Weak shoulders

Reasons we won't *stand* on shoulders

- *Better than* mentality
- Pride
- Rebelliousness
- *Unwilling* shoulders (Fear)

God has called us to do life through the power of together

Remember...Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

God Bless,
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