



A Prophet's Honor

Elisha's behavior in the following set of events demonstrates a strong sense of honor. His assertive behavior may surprise some people. Is this the way a humble man of God behaves? The answer is yes, because Elisha's sense of dignity shows his strong respect for the hand and purposes of God upon his life. In the same way, today's Christian leader needs to have the character traits of a truly humble personality, that respects all else God and His purpose.

A PROPHET'S HONOR	FUNCTIONING IN THE OFFICE OF MINISTRY
<p>Because the <u>little children</u> mocked him as a <u>worthless</u> fellow, Elisha <u>cursed</u> them with the <u>bear</u> (II Kings 2:23ff).</p> <p>Even in India today, calling someone "<u>bald head</u>" implies general worthlessness.</p>	<p>God <u>demand</u>s respect for his ministry, and may <u>judge</u> those who <u>curse</u> His called <u>leaders</u>.</p>
<p><u>Jehoshaphat</u>, king of Judah was told about Elisha the prophet, who <u>poured water</u> on the <u>hands</u> of Elijah. (II Kings 3:1-11)</p>	<p>A leader must have a <u>servant's</u> heart, willing to do even <u>mental</u> tasks for <u>teachers</u> and for others.</p>
<p>When Jehosphaphat inquired for a <u>word</u> from the Lord thru Elisha, the prophet asked for a <u>minstrel</u> to come and <u>pray</u> before him. The Spirit of God came upon him. (II Kings 4:1-7)</p>	<p>A leader will <u>obtain</u> a full <u>release</u> of the Spirit in his life and <u>ministry</u> only as he functions in <u>praise</u> and <u>worship</u> before the Lord.</p>
<p>Elisha <u>followed</u> the example of his <u>master</u> teacher. He asked the indebted <u>widow</u>. (II Kings 4:1-7)</p>	<p>A leader must <u>learn</u> to observe the many good <u>qualities</u> of his master in order to <u>emulate</u> him.</p>
<p>Elisha <u>aided</u> the divine sovereignty of God in filling the <u>widow's</u> borrowed <u>vessels</u> of oil to her own pot of oil (II Kings 4:1-7)</p>	<p>A leader must <u>teach</u> his people how to combine God's <u>resources</u> with their own to reach a life <u>spiritual</u> anointing and <u>fruitfulness</u>.</p>

How did God personally and privately speak to you during this lesson? _____

What actions will you embrace to indicate that this lesson spoke to your heart and spirit? _____