



GRACE IN THE WORKPLACE, PT. 3

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# PROMOTION

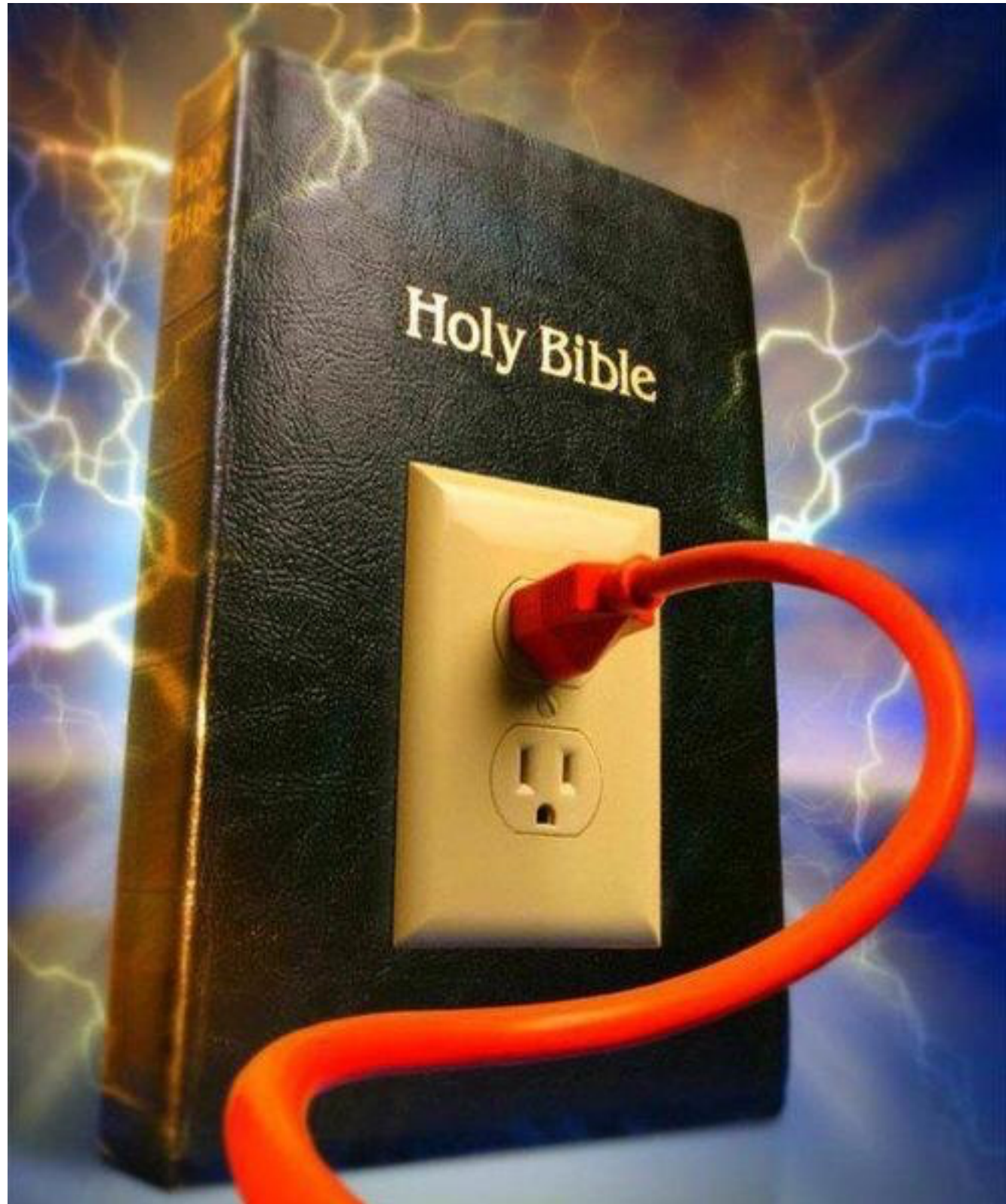
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# KING DAVID

- ▶ The Bible says that David was anointed as king by Samuel and possessed five character traits. He was skillful, strong, wise, good looking, and God was with him! *1Sam. 16:18 Then one of the servants in answer said, I have seen a son of Jesse, the Bethlehemite, who is expert at playing, and a strong man of war; and he is wise in his words, and pleasing in looks, and the Lord is with him.*
- ▶ Although, he was an unorthodox and unassuming contender for royalty by the natural eye, he was the most worthy candidate in God's eyes because he was not selfishly ambitious but was faithful to his current job. *Psa. 131:1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.*
- ▶ David did not seek out promotion, instead he allowed God to present the opportunity to him. To God, David was ready for promotion. *Psa. 147:6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.*



## GOD'S PRECEDENT



- ▶ God could have easily killed Saul and made David king, but God always proves us before He promotes us. *1Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*
- ▶ David's character was pristine and his work ethic and skill was impeccable. He was deserving of his promotion. *1Sam. 16:21 And David came to Saul, waiting before him: and he became very dear to Saul, who made him his servant, giving him the care of his arms.*
- ▶ God did not push David to the forefront just because he had talent, but it was David's character that qualified him as well. God's precedent always supersedes our promotion. *James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*

# FAITHFULNESS

- ▶ God proves us by giving us a “few things” to manage. When we are faithful with these responsibilities then we qualify for more responsibility. *Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*
- ▶ God blesses consistency. He desires for us to keep our word and have a good record of faithfulness on our jobs and positions that He grants us. *Matt. 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*
- ▶ Our word represents God’s word on earth. If we cannot keep our word and remain faithful, we hinder our witness and are usually overlooked for promotions. *Num. 30:1-2 And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.*

PEOPLE WITH  
GOOD INTENTIONS  
MAKE PROMISES  
BUT PEOPLE WITH  
GOOD CHARACTER  
KEEP THEM.

# SUMMARY

We all grew up hearing testimonies of how God promoted people when they weren't deserving at all. There are times when our abilities and skills do not meet the prerequisites to warrant promotion however because of God's intervention we were given an opportunity that we may not have been qualified for. We must remember that in spite of lacking certain requirements, we must prove ourselves faithful in the eyes of God before HE promotes us.

God is not going to open up a door for us, if we are unfaithful in what we already are doing. God is not going to put us over people, if we are not obedient to those that are over us. God is not going to promote a person that cannot keep their word. These are things that will hinder our progress in the workplace and in the Kingdom. Although, we work for a natural man, our true authority is spiritual. God requires for those that represent Him to be worthy of promotion, naturally and spiritually! This does not mean that we qualify for every position we acquire. It simply means that when we are faithful over what He has already granted us, we can be promoted over greater things.

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Psa. 75:5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

Psa. 75:6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

Psa. 75:7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.