

3 Lenses to Examine Ourselves through:

As a Christian Man
Taking Charge of our Spiritual Future

As Head of Home
Special Mantle of Spiritual Accountability

As Leaders in Church Role
How are we truly leading those we have been called to serve?

Review: Calling Part 2 – Humility conquers our selfishness and entitlement, especially how we serve in ministry/serve others; Humility reminds us of our origins so we are sensitive to others there. In Humility, we are able to hear and see what He wants us to; it is where we can be closest to God and take instruction from Him; it is where we learn the difference between justified feelings and responses He requires! 2 Cor 12:10, for when I am weak, then I am strong. (His strength in our Humility)

Remember: He is looking for the Decision; He is ready to empower the steps to carry it out!

Today: Anointed, then what?

1 Samuel 16

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."

V 6-10 Dialogue with Samuel was very important to God; otherwise, He would have opened with, "it's David".

- Dialogue allowed God to guide Samuel in his thinking and how to best carry out his responsibilities.

Q. Are we putting enough emphasis on Dialogue with God for our spiritual duties? Let Him guide us!

"So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." This indicates a significant level of urgency!

Q. Are we placing enough urgency on what God has already instructed us to do?

[KJV] James 1:22 "But, be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves." [NLT] "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."

Q. Are we placing enough urgency on following Him in our Calling? Or, following Him TO our Calling?

Between V13 and V14 – David has returned to the sheep. WHY? He now officially knows his calling, he was anointed for it by God's man, with his family present. He knows he has been selected by God. So why return?

David must return to his First Calling, to finish being developed by God into the Leader that he will become. The Sheep were his first calling; he had a bear and lion to fight; he had a harp to finish mastering.

> **God still needed to continue his development into the courageous impactful Leader God saw in him.**

