

SEMINAR NOTES

God's Armorbearer: Serving Like Jesus

Lesson One - -The Anointing of an Armorbearer

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common."

Acts 4:29-32 NKJV

1. The Church must become one heart and one soul

A. One heart means we are connected because we members of the Body of Christ

B. One soul means we are connected with the Vision of the House

C. Every Church has its own vision. You must know the vision of your church and then discover your place in it.

2. The Revelation of the Armorbearer

"So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer."

I Samuel 16:21 NKJV

What you make happen for someone else God makes happen for you.

3. The Definition of an Armorbearer. The Word comes from two Hebrew words:

A. NASA: Which means to lift. The application of this word are:

To accept, carry, give, pardon, help hold up, furnish, regard. Bear up, further and to respect.

B. KELIY which means, to end. The applications of the word are:

Complete, destroy utterly, consume, be done, finish and bring to pass.

C. From these words we see an Armorbearer was to:

Encourage His Leader

Assist His Leader

Stand Strong with His Leader.

4. The Anointing of an Armorbearer

A. He was anointed to carry his leader's shield

B. He was to be committed and faithful to his leader.

"And the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the Lord has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there no prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of the Lord by him?" So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah." And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the Lord is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him."

II Kings 3:10-12 NKJV

C. Elisha was faithful to Elijah.

1. He was a servant to him

2. He poured water over his hands.

3. He saw the good, the bad and the ugly and remained faithful.

5. We as Armorbearer's must Understand the four faces of Jesus as a leader.

"The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle."

Revelation 4:7 NKJV

Lion - indignation that came from him to the religious sect and the devil.

Calf - His servant's heart

Man - That was his human side

Eagle - That is his spiritual side

Every Pastor will reveal all four faces.

Lion in dealing with wolves

Calf in serving people

Man in your emotions

Eagle in ministering the Word.

A. Elisha stayed faithful for over 10 years to Elijah.

B. Who was asked What do you want?

The one carrying the water

Lesson 2- Understanding Authority

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! Matthew 8:5-10 NKJV

The centurion's faith caused Jesus to marvel.

This was done by his understanding of Spiritual Authority

How can we preach to people to submit to God's authority if we refuse to submit to God's delegated authority.

All authority comes from God.

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves."

Romans 13:1-2 NKJV

The authorities that exist are ordained by God.

In Heaven there is authority.

God the Father

God the Son

God the Holy Spirit

Michael and Gabriel

Other angels

The Angels know how to submit to authority

The number one key to understanding authority is the authority rest on the office, not the individual.

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V-25. Then God said to Moses.

Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor; and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there.""

Numbers 20:25-26 NKJV

Sometimes authority in the local church can be called: (That's just the way we do it around here).

Five structures of authority we must all submit to:

God's Word

Government

Church Government

D. We are to obey and submit to those who watch over our souls.

"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."

Hebrews 13:17 NKJV

The word rule means any official, chief or judge that has rule over you.

Submission means: compliance with the commands or laws of a superior, resignation; a yielding of one's will to the will or appointment of a superior without mummering; yielding to the will and power of another.

"If you readily receive correction, you are walking on the path to life. But if you reject rebuke, you're guaranteed to go astray."

Proverbs 10:17 TPT

We are to honor the elders that rule well.

"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."

I Timothy 5:17 NKJV

Parental Authority

Employers

Lesson 3 Function of an Armorbearer

1. Must provide strength for his leader.

A. This comes by having an attitude of joy.

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God."

Ephesians 5:18-21 NKJV

"We have become the unmistakable aroma of the victory of the Anointed One to God - a perfume of life to those being saved and the odor of death to those who are perishing."

2 Corinthians 2:15 TPT

B. It comes by looking to your leaders needs and not just yours. Be a blessing to your Pastor and not a burden.

C. It comes by an assurance of your loyalty to him. Do not use the ministry as a stepping stone.

D. It comes by not being a complainer. Many people cry for God to use them, then when they go work at the church they cry OH God! "I just feel used."

2. Must have not only a deep-down sense of respect for his leader, but also an acceptance for, and tolerance of his leader's personality and way of doing things.

A. You must have the vision in your heart and your feelings under control.

B. See the end result and it doesn't matter whose methods are used.

3. Must instinctively understand his leader's thoughts.

"For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state."

Philippians 2:20 NKJV

4. Must walk in agreement with and submission to his leader.

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

Amos 3:3 NKJV

5. Must make the advancement of his leader his most important goal.

A. Give yourself to your pastor's dream, and God will fulfill yours.

B. Look at the attitude of Jesus compared to Satan's

Isaiah 14: 12-15 and Philippians 2:9

C. Run with the Vision of the House!

6. Must possess endless strength so as to thrust, press and force your way onward without giving way to harsh treatment.

- A. In the middle of spiritual battles words may get said that can wound you.
- B. Establish your calling and encourage yourself in the Lord. (God knew the rules before he sent you.)
- C. Do not quit! Do not take an attitude of I'm not wanted so I will just quit.

"A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent."

Proverbs 15:5 NKJV

7. Must follow orders immediately and correctly.

A. Three important points in following orders.

- 1. Write everything down.
- 2. Ask your leader to explain something if you do not understand.
- 3. Treat your orders as the highest priority.

8. Must be a support to his leader.

A. A supporter means: that which supports or upholds, a sustainer, a comforter, a maintainer, a defender.

B. Understand your leader is human and will face times of great need.

You should be there ready to help,
comfort, and defend.

9. Must be an excellent communicator.

A. Never hide anything from your leader. Mark 4:22

B. Always speak the truth, whether you are right or wrong.

10. Must have a disposition that will
eagerly gain victories for your
Leader.

A. You represent your Pastor everywhere you go.

B. You must understand and know how to represent your pastor to those who are working under you.

11. Must have the ability to minister
strength and courage to your leader.

A. Courage means bravery: the ability

to encounter difficulties

B. Be a Joshua and a Caleb and not someone in rebellion to the will and plan of God.

Lesson 4. The Characteristics of Armorbearer.

""Reuben, you are my firstborn, My might and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity and the excellency of power. Unstable as water, you shall not excel.

Genesis 49:3-4 NKJV

1. Stability

A. Psalms 1:1-3 says that we are called to be like trees. The peculiar thing about a tree is that it never moves.

B. We as Christians cry to God for ability, when God looks back to us and says, "Stability."

C. There are too many Christians who are feeling led here and there, but have no stability.

D. Stability means: steadiness, stableness, firmness, strength to stand without being moved or overthrown, a firmness of resolution or purpose.

2. Faithfulness

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."

Revelation 19:11 NKJV

A. When people see you coming, what do they call you?

B. Faithfulness always begins in small things.

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah."

I Samuel 16:13 NKJV

C. There is always preparation before separation. Faithfulness is the link between the two.

D. Faithfulness is using the talents that you have.

"So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil.""

II Kings 4:2 NKJV

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."

Ecclesiastes 9:10 NKJV

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,"

Colossians 3:23 NKJV

Ask yourself these questions.

If Jesus asked you to clean the church bathrooms, how clean would they be?

If Jesus ask you to help in the nursery, how well would you handle and treat the children.

If Jesus ask you to pray for your church and leadership, how fervently would you pray?

If Jesus asked you to get involved in your

church, how quickly would respond.

3. Excellent Spirit

"Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him.""

I Samuel 16:18 NKJV

A. Excellence comes by placing demands on yourself.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

II Timothy 2:15 NKJV

B. Excellence comes by purposing in your heart to do what the word says.

"Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm."

Daniel 6:3 NKJV

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

Daniel 1:8 NKJV

C. Excellence Will minister to all the first-time visitors in church and touch your city.

"And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers and their apparel, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit

in her."

II Chronicles 9:3-4 NKJV

4. A Mighty Prayer Warrior

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I Samuel 16:18 NKJV

A. A New Testament example was Epaphras.

Epaphras was faithful

"as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,"

Colossians 1:7 NKJV

Epaphras was fervent in prayer

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Colossians 4:12 NKJV

Epaphras had a great zeal.

"For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis."

Colossians 4:13 NKJV

5. Integrity

"Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him.""

I Samuel 16:18 NKJV

A. Prudent in speech means to be cautious, practically wise.

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;"

James 1:19 NKJV

B. A handsome person means to have self respect.

C. The Lord is with him means to flow in God's grace and anointing.