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THEME: OUR MONTH OF DIVINE INCREASE

TOPIC: SUSTAINING DIVINE PROMOTION

TEXT: PSALM 75:6-7, PROVERBS 4:18, 1 PETER 5:6.

INTRODUCTION:

This month we started the series on **Divine Promotion**; and have studied “Promotion Comes Only from God” and “When God Promotes”. Today, we are taking a step further by looking at “Sustaining Divine Promotion”. According to Proverbs 4:18; God expects our light, influence and relevance to keep shining brighter and not dim. It is an acknowledgement that God is the One who exalts. Therefore, we should remain humble under the mighty hand of God [1 Peter 5:6], to sustain our upliftment.

May the Lord strengthen our faith to believe without doubt in Jesus’ name, Amen.

OUTLINE 1: SUSTENANCE IS ANCHORED ON CHARACTER

Joseph and Daniel [among other Bible characters] demonstrated all the virtues listed under the fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. This represents attestation of character.

- Integrity, humility and obedience define one’s character. Genesis 39:9, Daniel 6:4.
- Excellence and diligence shape your character to sustain you and attract higher promotion. Daniel 6:3, Proverbs 22:29.
- God tests you with little things before the big one. Luke 16:10.
- Are you gifted or do you have character? Gift gets you to the door but character keeps you in the room. Proverbs 18:16, 1 Samuel 16:18-19, Proverbs 10:9, Psalm 101:6-7.

OUTLINE 2: THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN MAKE ONE LOSE RELEVANCE

Our God is a consuming fire and a jealous God [Deuteronomy 4:24]. He will never share His glory with anyone [Isaiah 42:8]. In all things, acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths [Proverbs 3:6]:

- Ignoring the God-factor in all your doings. 1 Samuel 15:23, Zechariah 4:6.
- Pride goes before fall. Shun Pride and anything that does not return all the glory to God. Proverbs 29:23, Proverbs 16:18.
- Always show gratitude in little and in big things. Where there are disappointments, still give Him thanks. 1 Thess 5:18, Ephesians 5:20, Haba 3:17-18.

OUTLINE 3: THE WEIGHT OF ELEVATION

There is a weight tied to your promotion. There are deliverables. Some may be obvious or implied. Moses experienced this burden in Numbers 11:11,14.

- Promotion is for service to humanity and accomplish God’s purpose. Genesis 45:5-8, Esther 4:14, Mark 10:43-45 [NIV].
- Calls for greater accountability. Higher platforms invite deeper scrutiny and stronger

temptations. Luke 12:48, Eccl 12:14

- The peril of pride. Earthly offices are temporary gifts. Forgetting God's grace invites sudden downfall. 1 Samuel 15:26, 1 Samuel 2:30, 34, 1 Sam 3:18, Matthew 27:5.

DISCUSSION:

1. Why does God at times allow a gifted person without character to rise for a season?
2. Gifts get you to the door, but character keeps you in the room. Do you agree? Any example?
3. Remember the 10 lepers in Luke 17:17. They were all promoted. Do you see the attitude of the 9 in our midst today?
4. How do you know God's grace is departing from a person?

CONCLUSION

The person that walks uprightly in character is sure-footed [Proverbs 10:9]. You lose relevance when you abandon gratitude like King Saul. The weight of elevation demands faithfulness in what is entrusted to you.