



# RCCG OCEANIA

Faith & Trust

## Divine Lifting and Heart Posture

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

In the kingdom of God, lifting is not arbitrary but is orchestrated by divine principles. God desires to lift His people to advance His kingdom, but this lifting is contingent upon the posture of one's heart and alignment with divine purpose. Through biblical examples, we see that promotion comes from God, not human effort, and is granted to those with humility and righteousness.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Psalm 75:6-7

1 Samuel 16:6-7

Deuteronomy 28:13

1 Samuel 2:8

Isaiah 1:19

## Key Takeaways

- Promotion comes from God, not human effort.
- God looks at the heart, not outward appearances.
- Lifting is tied to divine timing and purpose.
- Humility and righteousness are key virtues for lifting.
- Persistent prayer and intercession open doors for divine lifting.

## Introduction

In the journey of faith, believers often seek advancement and elevation. However, in the divine order, such lifting is not a result of human striving but is orchestrated by God. This study explores how heart posture and alignment with God's purpose are crucial for experiencing divine lifting.

## Scripture Reading

- **Psalm 75:6-7** — Illustrates that promotion is from God, emphasizing divine sovereignty.
- **1 Samuel 16:6-7** — Shows that God values heart posture over outward appearance.
- **Deuteronomy 28:13** — Highlights God's promise to elevate His people.
- **1 Samuel 2:8** — Hannah's declaration of God's power to elevate the humble.
- **Isaiah 1:19** — Emphasizes the importance of willingness and obedience for blessings.

## Key Points

- 1. Promotion from God** — Promotion in the kingdom is orchestrated by God and not by human efforts. It is a divine act that aligns with His purpose and timing. God, in His sovereignty, chooses whom to elevate, and this choice is often beyond human understanding. Believers are encouraged to trust in God's timing and His plans for their lives.
  - Trust in God's timing for your life.
  - Seek God's purpose in your current situation.
  - Acknowledge God's sovereignty in your prayers.

Scripture: Psalm 75:6-7

- 2. Heart Posture Matters** — God evaluates the heart rather than outward appearances. A right heart posture is crucial for divine lifting. When Samuel was sent to anoint a new king, God reminded him that He looks at the heart, not the outward appearance. This principle underscores the importance of inner character and integrity.
  - Examine your heart regularly for purity and sincerity.
  - Cultivate a heart of humility and service.
  - Pray for God to reveal areas in your heart that need transformation.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:6-7

- 3. Virtues for Lifting** — Humility, righteousness, and obedience are essential virtues that align us with God's will and open doors for lifting. These virtues are not just moral attributes but are deeply connected to our relationship with God. They prepare us to receive and sustain the elevation God provides.
  - Practice humility in your daily interactions.
  - Commit to living a life of righteousness.
  - Be obedient to God's commands and promptings.

Scripture: Isaiah 1:19

## Key Points (cont.)

- 4. Divine Timing and Purpose** — Understanding and aligning with God's timing and purpose are critical for experiencing lifting in the kingdom. God's timing is perfect, and His purposes are always for our good and His glory. Recognizing this helps believers to wait patiently and act wisely.
- Seek God's guidance in understanding His timing.
  - Align your goals with God's purposes.
  - Be patient and trust in God's perfect timing.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:13

- 5. Power of Intercession** — Persistent prayer and intercession are powerful tools that can overcome adversaries and facilitate divine lifting. The early church demonstrated this through their prayers for Peter, which led to miraculous deliverance. Intercession aligns us with God's will and releases His power in our circumstances.

- Engage in regular intercessory prayer.
- Pray for others' lifting and breakthroughs.
- Trust in the power of prayer to change situations.

Scripture: Acts 12:5

## Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

### **Observation**

- What does Psalm 75:6-7 say about the source of promotion?
- How did God demonstrate His preference for heart posture in 1 Samuel 16:6-7?
- What promise does Deuteronomy 28:13 offer to God's people?
- How does 1 Samuel 2:8 describe God's ability to elevate the humble?
- What condition does Isaiah 1:19 set for receiving blessings?

### **Interpretation**

- Why is it important to recognize that promotion comes from God?
- How can we ensure our heart posture aligns with God's expectations?
- What role do humility and righteousness play in divine lifting?
- How can understanding God's timing affect our actions and decisions?
- In what ways does intercession contribute to divine lifting?

### **Application**

- How can you apply the principle of divine promotion in your life?
- What steps can you take to cultivate a heart posture that pleases God?
- How can you practice humility and righteousness in your daily life?
- What can you do to align your goals with God's timing and purpose?
- How can you incorporate intercessory prayer into your spiritual routine?

### **Prayer Focus**

- Seek God's Guidance for Heart Alignment
- Trust in God's Timing for Promotion
- Pray for Humility and Righteousness

## **Next Step**

Reflect on your current heart posture and seek alignment with God's purpose and timing for your life.

## **Conclusion**

Divine lifting is a profound aspect of God's kingdom, rooted in His sovereignty and our heart posture. By embracing humility, righteousness, and obedience, and by aligning with God's timing and purpose, believers can experience the elevation that God desires for them.

Persistent prayer and intercession further open the doors for divine intervention and lifting.