

## A PLACE FOR YOU AT THE TOP

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Recently, I was watching a video of a preacher who told about what God had said to him. Since hearing it, a portion of that sermon has continued to stir me, and I wanted to share it with you. The minister stated:

"No provision just comes to you — you have to go for it — if you're interested.

Years ago, I was reading Deuteronomy 28:1 & 2, *'If you will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your GOD WILL SET YOU HIGH ABOVE all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.'*(AMP)

Then God said to me, 'There's a place for you on top, if you are interested.'

I told Him, 'I'm interested.'

He replied, 'Then follow the conditions — obey everything I command you!'

That is your lift to the top. When you are tired of obeying, then you are tired of going up. As long as you are obedient, then your way to the top cannot be stopped.

When He said this to me in 1982, I was at the bottom with everyone else.

There's a place for you at the top. That is what He is saying about every provision concerning you."

Think of it — there's a place for you at the top, if you're interested! Many Christians lose out on experiencing God's best for one reason — they're not interested enough in it!

Years ago, a traveling minister asked Dr. Lester Sumrall, who was in his 80s and still traveling daily all over the world, how he was able to keep such a full traveling schedule. Dr. Sumrall replied, "I'm interested in what I'm doing!"

When you're interested in something, you're thrilled with it and thrilled to do it. Many Christians don't enjoy God's best for them because they're not interested enough in it — they're not thrilled with it. They're not thrilled to obey what God has told them to do in His Word and by His Spirit.

If we're interested in experiencing what He has for us, we will do our part. Jesus provided and made available to us all the blessings we will ever need in this life, but we must apply our faith to those blessings to receive them. If we aren't interested enough in them to apply our faith, we will do without what He has made ours.

When I heard what God told that minister, "There's a place

for you at the top, if you're interested," I immediately thought of all that is at the top for us — health, prosperity, wisdom, revelation, and all the blessings of God.

There's a place for us in health, if we're interested.

There's a place for us in prosperity, if we're interested.

There's a place for us in wisdom, if we're interested.

There's a place for us in revelation, if we're interested.

And the list goes on....

If we're interested, we will take the time to find out all He has provided for us and then meet His conditions of receiving those things. He makes it clear that obeying Him is the condition for experiencing what He has made ours.

If there's an arena of your life where you're not experiencing the "top," see how you can move into a place of greater obedience regarding that arena.

When God stated that those who obey Him would be at the top, that means we are to make sure we are obeying His Word and also obeying what He is saying to us by His Spirit. Are we obeying the general instructions from His Word, and are we obeying the specific instructions He has spoken to our hearts by His Spirit?

Joshua 1:8 tells us, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to **do according to all that is written therein:** for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*(KJV)

Joshua tells us virtually the same thing that the verses in Deuteronomy told us — there's success for those who do the Word. But this verse in Joshua also tells us how to make sure we're doing the Word, and that is to meditate on the Word day and night. Meditating on the Word is to be a lifestyle for us. As we feed and meditate on the Word, then we will be mindful to DO the Word, which brings success.

I'm interested in living at the top, and I know you are too. Since that is the case, we have a part to play in that rise — we must be doers of the Word; we must obey His Word and be obedient to the specific things He says to us by His Spirit. As we do, every arena of our lives will rise higher and higher.

Yes, He has raised us and seated us with Christ in heavenly places, but our obedience to Him and His Word will cause every arena of our lives to reflect what He has raised us to.

God's plan for each of us is the top. Let's cooperate with that plan through our obedience to Him and His Word.

Are you interested?



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