

An Adjutant's Concern of How

As the servants of the leaders of the church, we know that we have a responsibility to cover our leaders, both spiritually and physically. We are to be a source of strength and encouragement to them in a very real way. This concept of being a source of strength and encouragement is not just in theory but it is something that should be evident in a very real way. This means that yes, your leader should smile a bit broader and stand that much taller when you are together. This strength received is largely due to the bond of the Spirit shared between, if I may use this word choice, master and disciple. We will revisit this Spirit-created bond some other month.

As time goes by and we engage more with our leaders, we learn everything from the very basic of how much cream and sugar they take in their coffee, to understanding when and how they need us to pray very specifically and directly for them as they work deliverance. We learn to how much starch they prefer in their shirt to gaining the ability to sense in the spirit when they are grieved or “going through”, without ever coming into physical contact. What I am saying is that we grow to learn them, in the natural and in the spirit. I purposefully make mention of the natural and the spiritual aspects of our service. The adjutant is to be ever mindful of the scope of his service in that he is to be mindful of the physical and spiritual needs of his leader. It does your pastor no good for you to be so spiritually minded during altar call, that you don't notice that your Moses is physically drained and may need a shoulder to lean upon. But that's not the topic of discussion this month.

This month we are talking about an adjutant's concern and this concern takes the form of an honest question I have asked the Lord myself once or twice: How do I serve my leader “better?” The desire to serve better is not usually born from inadequate or substandard service, but most often it sprouts from a genuine heart. Some of the “how-to” training we receive in the church is rather abstract and ethereal, which some might regard as vague. How do I...live holy or...walk in the Spirit or...whatever you can think of. The answer to some of the how-to's has much involvement in trusting in the Spirit and remaining open to his instruction, a thing that is “vague” by divine design. With this information we gain a sense of what to do to reach our goal, but don't precisely have a road map to “better” some of these situations.

As a disciple, your service and relationship with your leader is a byproduct of your relationship with the Lord. A by-product is defined as something that is secondary and sometimes an unexpected or unintended result. I was able to be selected to serve my bishop because I have relationship with the Lord 1st. Now, I am not boasting or implying that I was so very desirable as a servant and virtuous as a man of God and all that. What I am saying is that my bishop recognized a Godly relationship in me and saw he could use that.

So to bring things full circle here, how do I serve better as an adjutant and disciple? How do I understand my leader better? How do I anticipate his needs? How do I know what to pray, when to pray for him? The answer lies in your relationship with God. Strengthen your relationship in the Lord and your ability to serve will expand. Why? Because you will become more of an asset for

your leader. You will have more to give (spiritually), you will be able to see further and hear clearer. You will be more effective. You all know the very familiar scripture found in Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* I declare that your service to your leader is included in “all these things”.

I adjure you brethren, just as Paul gave instruction to Timothy, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine and give thyself wholly to them. (1 Tim 4:12-15) Get after your relationship with the Lord, and surely your relationship and service to your leader will flourish.

Grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord, until next time.