

POSITIONING YOUR ATTITUDE

This is our year of divine positioning. God is putting His daughters in their rightful place. God has given us an opportunity to start over.

May you as a daughter of Zion not be found murmuring and complaining about life. Pray instead for divine positioning so that you don't get left behind. Whatever is in store includes everyone. In other words, unless you want to be left behind, we are going to experience things that were a distant dream.

God is a God of times and seasons. When He tells you to be somewhere, it's for a purpose. Go to a mountain I will show you. Then Abraham goes and there he finds provision.

The people who are wrongly positioned will begin to move to where they ought to be. Many of you already know that you are in a comfort zone that you need to have left long ago. In this year of divine positioning, there must be no compromise.

This is the time to trust the Lord in everything we do. Prov 3:5. When the doors are open you trust Him, when they are closed you trust Him. He knows everything concerning you and it's all working together for your good, whether you understand it or not.

Divine positioning is not just work and business, it's also your heart. Is your heart divinely positioned. Have you forgiven a betrayal. Are you offended by someone? There must be a deep awareness in your heart, that God is in control of your life. If you are going through a betrayal that's truly painful, it could be that God is ushering you to a deeper level of consecration that you could never have reached. God has a way of using negatives to bring out positives.

When you believe His sovereignty, you can overcome every human trial, knowing that each is divinely permitted and supernaturally orchestrated. God arranges those trials in such a way that the things

that could have paralyzed you will now motivate you. Live in a state of forgiveness. The only way to do that is to ask God's forgiveness daily and to forgive daily all those who may have harmed, ridiculed, persecuted, rejected, criticized, maligned, trespassed on your peace of mind. Genuine forgiveness produces healing emotions, love, peace of mind and heart and genuine joy. God's intention is that you be whole. Position your heart to be right with God because everything else will flow from that.

This year, reflect and reexamine. Whatever is best done away with, please do. The vast majority of secrets are negative. Unthinkable childhood traumas such as incest and sexual abuse can so mar the soul that bitterness and hatred smolder for decades, erupting many years later in the form of terrible nightmares, uncontrollable crying, an inability to function in the routines of life, depression, or some other negative behavior. Living with horrendous secrets only seems to work for so long before the weight of emotional baggage overcomes even the hardiest of souls.

This year of divine positioning, purpose to get everything out of the way that slows you down.

Divine positioning creates order and flow of authority and grace. It is a fundamental principal of submission in that when we submit ourselves to God we are able to walk in the authority that God walks in which is above all the demonic systems.

Psalm 82:6 " I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High".

When we are properly positioned we are able to express to the world the very nature of God. What is seen in the physical realm is determined by our Spiritual positioning. How we are positioned spiritually is not automatic but is a result of the choices we make.

John 15:4. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except

ye abide in me”.

The Bible refers to Christ as the vine but unlike the natural vine where the flow of the nutrients flows automatically to the branches; our ability to receive what God has for us is determined by our ability to make choices that help us to be properly positioned to receive.

Attitude and positioning

Attitude: A complex mental state involving beliefs, feelings, values and dispositions that cause us to act in certain ways.

Attitude determines how far we go in life. It is what separates winners from losers. Pain and disappointments cross the path of every believer but our attitude is what determines our reaction to them.

Eccl 1:9 “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun”.

1. It was a custom for Elkana’s family to go up to Shiloh to worship and offer sacrifice to God. Though Hannah accompanied her husband every time he went to worship, her attitude towards God because of her situation was that of complaint and bitterness to a place where she even refused to eat (verse 8- 10) Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

When she decided to change her attitude even her prayer changed and her petition was no longer for her own fulfillment but for the house of God. Her prayer this time connected with the desire of God for God was also looking for a replacement in the priest hood because there was disorder and corruption in the house of God. The Bible does not record whether she had prayed prior to this day but what it records is her negative attitude because of her situation. When she decided to position her attitude properly two things happened:

a. As a woman, she was not allowed by law to go beyond the doorpost but her change of attitude caused God to make sure that Eli came to where she was and spoke the word of the Lord to her because she couldn't go to where he was usually stationed.

b. When Hannah was before God in prayer, she was asking Him for a son but when she positioned her attitude well God gave her five more children that she had not prayed for.

Attitude is everything. Its like a flat tyre. You cannot go anywhere until you change it. Attitude determines your altitude. You can be delayed in life because of attitude. If she never changed her attitude, Samuel would never have come. You can get a mighty miracle through change of attitude.

REBECCA. Its one thing to pass a test when you know your being tested, its another thing all together to pass when you have no clue there was a test.

Gen 24: 17- 20 "And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher". And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

When it was time for Isaac to marry, his father sent the oldest servant to go to his family and get Isaac a wife. When the servant got to the well he made a prayer to God about the kind of a girl he was to take back to become Isaacs wife. The prayer had everything to do with the attitude of the girl.

To ensure that he would find the young woman, Eliezer came up with a plan. "camel test": After his long travels, Eliezer would ask a young maiden for a sip of water, and if she offered to provide water for his camels as well, she would be the one!

There was an essential characteristic that Eliezer was looking for in a potential wife, something ingrained in—and part and parcel of—the family of Abraham: boundless lovingkindness). What made Abraham unique was not that he welcomed and catered for his guests in the most generous and impeccable manner, but rather that he actively searched for the opportunity to do such deeds. He wasn't happy to serve merely those who came to him; he would go out to the crossroads, anxious to be of service. Abraham was an initiator, treasuring the chance to help another. This was the quality he looked for in a future wife for Isaac.

When Eliezer and his men arrived at the well, they had with them many camels, so they'd be able to escort the future bride and all her possessions and servants back to Isaac. Surrounded by a group of able-bodied men, Eliezer did not appear as a helpless, weary chap begging for a drink. And Rebecca, the daughter of Bethuel, the ruler of Aram Naharaim, was a young woman of nobility, (high social position), not a poor servant girl accustomed to lugging water from wells. But this is precisely where Eliezer was able to get a glimpse of the righteous Rebecca. From the moment he requested to take a sip from her jug, her generosity and greatness radiated in the most discreet and unassuming manner.

First, that boundless kindness came forth. Rebecca immediately gave him a drink, then offered and drew water for all his camels. She saw an opportunity to do something kind, and swiftly went to work. She didn't question or consider whether she was really needed; instead, she energetically continued filling multiple troughs with water, until the job of satisfying a whole herd of thirsty camels was completed . . . while Eliezer and his men watched her work unassisted. She had one motivation: to give to someone else with kindness. That intense desire to reach out to others and to jump at the prospect of being of service matched the profile of Abraham's family.

Your labor of love is never in vain. God watches over everything you do in secret and He is about to bless you in the open.

Eliezer had watched her fill a jug of water and place it on her shoulder. He ran over and asked to sip from it. Rebecca told him to drink, but hurriedly removed the jug from her shoulder to her hand and let him drink. The commentaries note that this quick move of lowering

her jug was to secure a sense of modesty (That means she was not willing to attract any sexual attention). Instead of a man sipping from a jug resting on her shoulder close to her face, she created a distance, so he would be drinking at an arm's length away from her. This clearly shows that she was not interested in a man. Her motive for doing good was not so she could please people. She was not doing it for gain. Her attitude was to do something good for someone she didn't even know. Rebekah had every reason to turn down the request because he did not even introduce himself or the agenda behind his request. Her positive attitude towards service is what connected her to her destiny.

When he finished drinking, the jug was not yet empty, and she offered to give the camels water as well. With haste, she emptied the remainder of the jug into a trough, and rushed to draw more water. This motion demonstrated her sensitivity. She didn't just spill it out as if he had contaminated it.

When examining the details of what transpired during this "camel test," then, Rebecca's natural devotion, modesty, sensitivity, responsibility and work ethic are readily apparent.

However, at first glance, Eliezer's conduct seems surprising. After seeing that Rebecca passed his test, why did he stand by and just watch Rebecca laboriously and singlehandedly provide water for all his camels?

Indeed, Eliezer considered this part of the test. There are those who make generous offers but do an inadequate job, quit, or don't follow through completely. There are others who may do their job, but though they make no demands, they expect some form of compensation or gratitude.

Eliezer continued watching carefully, to see her approach to carrying out a difficult task. These moments would be extremely telling as to whether her offer stemmed from a genuine desire to help someone, or if there was some other underlying motive to her kind behavior. It was only after her job was done, during which she had no expectations from him, that he was able to be absolutely convinced that she had passed. The "camel test" was a glimpse of Rebecca's greatness, as she

conducted herself in what she would have considered ordinary everyday activity.

When you position your attitude, God Himself gets into your business and blesses you nevertheless. Rebecca thought it was just another day, she did not know that her day of reckoning had arrived.

What significant lesson can we learn today from how Rebecca responded to the test?

1. Rebecca teaches us to take this goal of boundless lovingkindness, and challenge ourselves with real, selfless commitment. Look beyond yourself this year. God desires for us to be selfless and do something that will benefit someone else without expecting anything in return.
2. Rebecca teaches us to be initiators, to look for times and places where we can be of service, to be proactive and useful, without calculating whether there are others around who could, or should, do the same.
3. Rebecca challenges us to have the right attitude in life. The fact that the men around her were seated watching her do the hard work, did not change her positioned attitude. She did it with all her heart. She wasn't trying to impress anyone.

Before the man knew whose daughter she was or whether she would agree to become Isaac's wife, he gave her a nose ring weighing half a shekel of gold (current value= Ksh. 22,410) and bracelets weighing ten shekels of gold (Current value= Ksh. 448,200).

It is important to note that she did not give the man and his camel's water to get anything in return. If her attitude was not properly positioned, she would have remained barren all her life because it is the prayers of her husband Isaac that made God to open her womb. Because of her attitude and positioning she got the opportunity to carry the seed that would birth the nation of Israel which is God's first born and from which Christ would be born; the tribe of Judah. Her attitude positioned her and catapulted her to a position of great wealth because Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

Rebecca was willing to go an extra mile to be good to a stranger. She had no idea that this stranger had a particular prayer he had made to God. When your attitude is right, you don't know that God is in your business. His desire to bless you is greater than your desire to be blessed. When your attitude is rightly positioned, you don't look for things, they look for you. Her attitude won her gold that she didn't have to bribe for, or compromise for. The camels she was giving water became hers. She got married to a rich God loving man.