



THE WEIGHTY MAN

Becoming increasingly powerful and influential

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EXPLORING THE WEIGHTS WITHIN THE HUMAN BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT

The Weightiness in the Body

People are not the same or equal on earth. Some are heavier, while others are lighter. Although God created all men equal, as individuals grow and advance in life, they gradually position and classify themselves into the level they desire to attain. There are people on earth who carry weight. The God of the universe is able to make a person weighty in life. This subject can be understood from several perspectives. Man is a spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a body. This distinction reveals the tripartite nature of man. A person can be weighty in these three dimensions—the spirit, the soul, and the body. The body of a man is considered weighty when it is excessively large, tall, or fat—when a person possesses an abundance of flesh. Judges 3:17 states, “So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.” This passage describes Eglon, the king of Moab, as a very fat and heavy man. He oppressed Israel for eighteen years,

and Scripture makes note of his physical appearance. Similarly, Goliath, the famous giant of Gath, openly defied the armies of Israel for forty days. First Samuel 17:4 records, “And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.” He was a renowned Philistine warrior and champion among his people. He was massive in size and very tall—approximately nine feet in height. His appearance terrified the entire army of King Saul to the point that no one dared to confront him. It was David who eventually stepped forward to face him, and the Lord granted David victory over Goliath. Goliath was regarded as equal to ten thousand men; he was considered a weighty man. After David’s victory, the women sang, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.” This song stirred jealousy in King Saul and made David a threat in his sight. The inspiration for the song was drawn from the strength and influence that Goliath represented. As a champion and military leader, Goliath carried the strength and battle experience equivalent to that of many soldiers. In essence, he possessed the capacity to accomplish what thousands of men could accomplish. Therefore, it was not merely Goliath’s physical stature that made him weighty, but his influence, strength, and capacity. This shows that true weightiness is not defined only by physical size, but by the measure of impact, authority, and capability a person carries. Numbers 13:33 states, “There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” There are people who are weighty in their physical bodies as a result of their size, bone structure, height, and the abundance of flesh they possess. Physical weightiness can therefore be attributed to natural bodily features and stature.

The Weightiness in the Soul

There are people who are weighty in their soul. Certain qualities found within a person's soul reveal the measure of weight he carries. The soul is composed of three major faculties—the mind, the emotions, and the will. The will is the capacity to make decisions. The decisions you make can reveal whether you carry weight or not. The emotions you display can also indicate the level of weight you possess. Likewise, the knowledge and information stored in your mind contribute to the weightiness of your soul. There are both positive and negative forms of weight in the soul. Negative weights in the soul include anxiety, worry, sorrow, anger, pride, foolishness, hatred, jealousy, discontent, and dishonor. Each of these negative weights will be explained below.

1. Anxiety

Anxiety is a negative weight in the soul. The moment a person becomes anxious, a burden is placed upon the soul. Anxiety operates through two major faculties of the human being—the mind and the emotions. Thoughts that produce anxiety originate in the mind, while the emotions respond to those thoughts and amplify the burden. As a result, anxiety drains a person's strength and reduces effectiveness in life. Philippians 4:6 declares, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." This scripture instructs believers to replace anxiety with prayer. You must engage in prayer and commit your ways into the hands of the Lord in order to subdue anxiety. In addition, you must cultivate a lifestyle of thanksgiving and appreciation to God for the things He has done in the past. Gratitude strengthens faith and weakens anxiety,

thereby lifting the negative weight from the soul.

2. Worry

You must realize that worry is a negative weight in your soul. Worry never adds value to anyone; instead, it drains and weakens a person. You become worried when you are troubled by the things you do not possess and the positions you have not yet attained. As worry increases, the strength of your soul diminishes. Therefore, worry must be recognized as a negative weight that hinders emotional and spiritual stability.

3. Sorrow

Sorrow is also a negative weight in the human soul. You must not permit sorrow to dwell within you. Prolonged sorrow creates a state of unhappiness and heaviness that weakens the inner man. While moments of sadness may occur in life, allowing sorrow to take root in the soul will affect your strength, clarity, and outlook on life. A guarded heart and a hopeful spirit help prevent sorrow from settling within the soul.

4. Anger

Anger is another negative weight in the soul. When a person lacks the capacity to control emotions and constantly feels the need to express displeasure on every matter, anger begins to take control of that individual. Anger leads to misbehavior, harsh speech, and regrettable actions. A person who permits anger to dwell within becomes emotionally imbalanced and unstable. Ecclesiastes 7:9 says, “Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.” This scripture reveals that uncontrolled anger is a sign of foolishness. Anyone who desires to walk in wisdom must learn to restrain

anger. Proverbs 22:24 also warns, “Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go.” Anger has the power to destroy valuable relationships and separate a person from meaningful friendships. It causes individuals to display foolishness in situations where wisdom should be demonstrated. Therefore, mastering anger is essential for maintaining a healthy and weight-free soul.

5. Pride

You must never permit pride in your soul. In fact, pride should not be found in you at all. Pride is a state of thinking that causes a person to exalt himself above others. It is also a pattern of behavior that makes one feel more important than those around him. Never allow pride to take root in your heart. Instead, remain humble and let humility be consistently expressed through your words, actions, and attitudes. Humility attracts honor, while pride leads to downfall and isolation.

6. Foolishness

Foolishness is another negative weight in the soul. It is revealed in the way a person thinks, speaks, and behaves. A foolish person tends to act in ways that are contrary to wisdom and righteous living. Foolishness resists correction and rejects counsel. It is often marked by impatience and an eagerness to speak without proper understanding.

When foolishness dominates the soul, it prevents growth, damages relationships, and leads to poor decisions. Wisdom must be pursued diligently in order to keep the soul free from the weight of foolishness.

7. Hatred

Hatred toward people, including friends, often develops when one's wishes and expectations are not fulfilled. An entitlement mindset can easily nurture hatred within the soul. Hatred is dangerous because it causes a person to lose helpers and miss valuable opportunities. It turns potential friends into enemies and exposes only the negative sides of others while blinding the heart to their positive qualities. Hatred is a heavy and destructive weight in the soul, and it must not be allowed to remain for long. Whenever feelings of hatred begin to arise in your heart, you should intentionally counter them by speaking words of love and appreciation for the person involved, especially by recalling the good they have done in your life. In addition, you should pray deliberately for anyone toward whom you feel resentment and sincerely wish them well. Hatred cannot genuinely desire good for others, but love can transform the condition of the heart. When you notice yourself developing hatred toward someone, thank God for the progress that person is making and choose to celebrate their growth rather than resent it. Strive to be a person who consistently wishes others well. A heart that is free from hatred remains light, peaceful, and spiritually healthy.

8. Jealousy

Jealousy is a heavy weight in the soul. It makes a person believe that others are not qualified to possess what they have. When you develop resentment toward the possessions, progress, or achievements of others, you are operating in jealousy. When you feel that someone does not deserve the height they have attained, you are displaying jealousy. Jealousy is never pleased with the advancement, success, or promotion of others. It must be confronted and dealt with in the heart, because if left unchecked, it will turn you into an enemy of those you should celebrate

and learn from. Never assume that someone is unqualified for what they possess, and do not conclude that another person's promotion is the result of luck or manipulation. Wherever people attain in life, understand that they have obtained mercy and favor from God. Recognizing this truth helps the heart remain free from jealousy and at peace with the success of others.

9. Discontent

Discontent sets in when a person is not satisfied with his level, progress, position, achievements, or current stage in life. While it is important not to be complacent, it is equally important to be content with who you are, what you have, and where you are at any given moment. You must be convinced in your heart that your present position is a transition into where God is leading you. Therefore, never allow discontentment to dominate your soul. Be grateful for what you possess while trusting God for increase. Discontentment breeds unhealthy competition among people, often causing individuals to compete with those who are not even looking in their direction. Scripture reminds us in 1 Timothy 6:6, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain." Contentment, even in little, is great gain. Being satisfied with your current position while trusting God for more reflects maturity and spiritual stability.

Your contentment should be rooted in the assurance that you will not remain in the same place forever. The God of increase will grant growth and advancement in every area of your life.

10. Dishonor

Dishonor begins in the heart before it is expressed outwardly. It is first formed through thoughts before it is displayed publicly

through speech and behavior. People dishonor others through careless words, negative reactions, and disrespectful responses. Hebrews 12:1 says, “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” This scripture teaches that we must deliberately lay aside every weight that hinders our spiritual and personal progress. If these negative weights remain in the soul, a person can never become truly weighty in life. It is impossible to develop into a person of dignity, honor, and influence while carrying dishonor and other destructive traits in the heart. These negative weights hinder growth, damage relationships, and delay advancement.

Therefore, anyone who desires to become a person of substance and significance must consciously remove these weights and cultivate a heart that honors God and respects others.

Positive Weights in the Soul

Positive weights in the soul include the following:

1. Joy

As a believer, all the fruits of the Spirit must be evident in your life. You have the responsibility to study and understand the fruits of the Spirit as outlined in Galatians 5:22–23, which declares, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” Joy must be present in your soul because it is a positive weight that strengthens your inner life. The joy of the Lord should be your daily strength. Wherever there is true strength, joy is present. When you are joyful, your emotions are positively influenced, because joy is an activity and expression of the emotions. Ephesians 5:18–19

says, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” These scriptural instructions provide a template for maintaining joy in the Lord at all times. A joyful heart keeps the soul light, stable, and spiritually strong.

2. Knowledge

Knowledge is the revelation and understanding of the things you have learned and become aware of. Right knowledge adds weight to your soul. A person who possesses sound knowledge grows in depth, maturity, and influence. Knowledge is therefore a positive weight in the soul. The things you know shape your decisions, your speech, and your actions. Certain knowledge you acquire will make you stronger, more confident, and more effective in life. Ignorance weakens the soul, but knowledge strengthens and stabilizes it.

3. Wisdom

Wisdom must also be present in your soul. Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. When you act correctly based on what you know, you are operating in wisdom. Wisdom is displayed through decisions, actions, and conduct. A person may have knowledge, but it is wisdom that determines how that knowledge is used. Wisdom gives balance, direction, and discernment in life. It makes a person weighty from within because wise people speak with depth, act with understanding, and handle situations with maturity.

4. Patience

Patience is another positive weight that you must possess.

There is great power in patience; it works hand in hand with faith. Hebrews 6:12 says, “That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” Patience is a vital virtue that must be found in every believer. Abraham exercised patience until he received the promise, and Job remained patient until his Redeemer and Restorer appeared. Patience simply means waiting until the right time. It strengthens you to endure the processes of life without losing hope or direction.

Patience is an act of waiting on God. However, waiting does not mean idleness; rather, it involves remaining consistent in your responsibilities while trusting that God will fulfill His promises in His appointed time. Ecclesiastes 9:11 says, “I returned and saw under the sun that—the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong... but time and chance happen to them all.” Patience is the sustained ability to wait for the manifestation of time and opportunity. Certain events will not occur in your life until God’s appointed time arrives. Every vision from God has a season of manifestation, but before that manifestation, patience is required. Patience enables consistency and endurance. Those who are patient do not complain or compare their journey with the experiences of others. They do not seek pity from people but remain steadfast in hope and faith. Therefore, patience must be firmly established in your soul as a positive weight that strengthens and stabilizes your life.

5. Meekness

Meekness is the willingness and ability to be corrected. It is the readiness to embrace change and remain open to instruction and teaching. Many people struggle with meekness, yet meekness is

a pathway to greatness. People often display pride, resistance, and stubbornness because they lack meekness. They refuse correction, reject counsel, and resist authority. However, a meek person learns quickly, grows steadily, and advances faster in life because he is teachable and adaptable. Meekness helps your behavior and character to change for the better. Whenever you are corrected and your emotions react negatively, it is often a sign that meekness is lacking. A meek person appreciates correction because he understands that it prevents mistakes and promotes growth. Distancing yourself from those who correct you is a sign of immaturity and a lack of meekness. Instead, let people around you know that you are willing to be corrected, instructed, and guided. Demonstrate through your attitude and actions that you are open to learning and do not assume that you know everything. Cultivate flexibility and openness to change. When you acknowledge your weaknesses and remain teachable, you create room for growth and improvement. The qualities of meekness will preserve you, elevate your character, and make you weighty in your soul and in life.

6. Humility

Humility is a defining quality of those who hold positions of authority. While humility may not be required to attain authority, it is essential for sustaining and remaining in authority. If your desire is to remain influential and respected throughout your life, then humility must be a constant part of your character. Humility begins with the way you think. It helps you avoid the need to prove your superiority over others and prevents you from separating yourself from people simply because they are not at your level. A humble person remains approachable, respectful, and considerate, regardless of status

or achievement. Let those around you recognize humility in your conduct. Scripture teaches that “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.” There are dimensions of grace that are released upon a person whose life consistently reflects humility. When people perceive humility in you, they feel comfortable approaching you, sharing insights, and offering guidance that can further enrich your life and leadership.

7. Skill

Skill can also be closely associated with understanding in practical terms. A skill is something you learn through study, observation, and training. What makes skill visible is consistent practice. Anything you practice repeatedly becomes a skill. A person who is skillful has developed mastery through continual learning, observation, and disciplined training. Practice imparts experience, and experience strengthens competence. Anyone who is experienced in a particular field has reached that level through repeated practice and refinement of methods. Skill operates from the soul because it involves the mind, will, and emotions working together to produce effective action. Skill adds weight to your life because it makes you valuable and dependable in your field of endeavor. Education is meant to prepare you to become a practitioner in your chosen field. Those who are recognized as professionals or experts are individuals who have embraced both ***the theoretical and practical dimensions of knowledge***. Therefore, whatever you learn, focus on its practical application. Do not build your life on theory alone; embrace practice and become proficient. Strive to become an expert in something, because mastery brings recognition, influence, and weight in life.

8. Utterance

Utterance relates to communication skills and the ability to express oneself clearly and effectively. Every individual must develop the capacity to communicate. You should be able to express your thoughts, vision, and requests freely and sincerely from the heart. Utterance is the ability to speak the right words at the right time. It is the ability to articulate your ideas in a clear, concise, and meaningful manner. True utterance involves speaking the right words, in the right way, at the right place, and to the right people. Utterance originates from the soul because it reflects what is formed within the mind and heart. It can be cultivated through training, practice, and exposure. While God can grant divine utterance, individuals can also develop it through learning and disciplined communication practice. When you possess utterance, you are able to communicate intelligently, influence others positively, and present your thoughts in a way that brings clarity and understanding.

9. Love

Love is a vital positive weight that must be present in your soul. If you desire to be loved, you must first demonstrate love toward others. The true evidence that you carry this weight is your ability to love even your enemies—those who hate you or wish you harm. A natural person finds it difficult to express unconditional love, but as a believer, you are called to love genuinely and without selfish motives. Your love for others should not be transactional or based on what you stand to gain. Instead, it should flow sincerely from your heart. You can pray and ask God to help you develop the capacity to love people genuinely. Love sustains friendships and preserves relationships. When you are offended by others, do not react in

ways that destroy relationships that could add value and weight to your life. Maintain the capacity to relate with people even after you have been hurt. Remember that you are not dealing with perfect individuals, but with people who are growing and developing in character.

As Christians, we are perfect in Christ in our spirit, but we are still being perfected in our character. Everyone is a work in progress, and we are instructed to renew our minds continually so that our character may be transformed. As you study the Word of God, be sensitive to the areas of your life that require change and growth.

Love is a weight that must reside in your soul because God Himself is the author of relationships. The people who come into your life are not there merely by chance; many of them are part of God's divine plan for your journey. Therefore, you must exercise patience with others as they grow and mature in their character. Some relationships are seasonal, while others last a lifetime. Regardless of the level or duration of any relationship, love must remain your guiding principle. Scripture declares in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Anyone who desires to become truly great in life and in the kingdom of God must embrace the quality of love. Love enables you to relate peacefully with offenders and respond graciously to those who hurt you. Show love to those who love you and also to those who oppose you. Let people experience the sincerity and warmth of the love that flows from your life. Love has the power to soften hearts, encourage repentance, and even make those who oppose you reconsider their actions. Cultivate love as a permanent quality within your soul, for it is one of the greatest weights a person can carry in life.

10. **Kindness**

Kindness is a positive weight that must be present in your soul. You must show kindness to everyone and seek to do good to all people. Evil deeds should never be associated with you. Instead, let this conviction be deeply rooted in your heart—that you are destined to do good and not evil to others. Show kindness consistently and treat people with compassion and respect. Do not hurt your fellow human beings through your words, actions, or attitudes. Strive to be a person who is always willing to help, support, and assist others whenever the opportunity arises. Kindness begins with the right thoughts toward others. Your actions are often shaped by how you think about people. Ask yourself: ***when last did I intentionally think about helping someone?*** Acts of kindness are not dependent solely on financial capability. You are not empty; you possess something within you—time, encouragement, wisdom, or strength—that can be used to help others. Never seek the downfall of others; instead, desire and contribute to their progress. Always look for ways to add value to people's lives. When others attempt to involve you in wrongdoing, refuse to participate. Choose the path of righteousness and goodness at all times. Let people advance in life because of your contributions. Be a channel through which God lifts others regularly. Allow God to use you as an instrument of kindness. A life marked by kindness brings honor to God and adds great weight and dignity to your soul.

Reflection on Positive and Negative Weights in the Soul: A Call to Maintain Balance

The soul is a vital component of human existence, consisting of the mind, the will, and the emotions. It is within this realm that both positive and negative weights are formed and sus-

tained. These weights influence a person's character, decisions, relationships, and overall impact in life. Negative weights such as anxiety, worry, sorrow, anger, pride, foolishness, hatred, jealousy, discontent, and dishonor weaken the soul. They drain strength, distort judgment, damage relationships, and hinder spiritual and personal growth. A person who permits these negative weights to remain within will struggle to live a life of dignity, peace, and influence.

On the other hand, positive weights—including joy, knowledge, wisdom, patience, meekness, humility, skill, utterance, love, and kindness—strengthen the soul and bring stability, maturity, and honor. These virtues enable a person to function effectively in life, maintain healthy relationships, and walk in alignment with God's purpose. The quality of a person's life is largely determined by the kind of weights present in the soul. A soul filled with negative weights becomes heavy with burdens, confusion, and conflict. However, a soul enriched with positive weights becomes a source of strength, wisdom, and blessing to others. Scripture instructs believers in Hebrews 12:1 to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." This means that every individual has the responsibility to deliberately remove destructive weights and cultivate virtues that edify the soul. A weighty soul is not defined by emotional heaviness but by depth of character, spiritual maturity, and the presence of godly virtues. As you grow in your walk with God, you must intentionally develop the positive weights and reject the negative ones. In doing so, you position yourself to become a person of substance, influence, and lasting impact on earth.

Weightiness in Your Spirit

Receiving the Reality and Gift of Salvation

As a human being, you possess a spirit. However, true spiritual weightiness begins when you receive the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. If you are not yet saved, this is the time to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in your life. Jesus Christ loves you, and He has already paid the price for your redemption. The Scripture teaches that all people have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Humanity was not born righteous but was born into sin. This condition did not begin with the sins we personally committed, but with the sin of our first ancestors—Adam and Eve—the first humans created by God. Because of their disobedience, the nature of sin was passed down to all humanity. Everyone born through the union of a man and a woman inherited this sinful nature, except Jesus Christ, who was born without the seed of man and therefore without sin. In His love, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to pay the price for our redemption. Salvation is not earned through human effort or good works; it is received by faith in what Jesus Christ has already accomplished.

Apostle Paul explains this clearly in his letter to the church in Rome. Romans 10:9–10 says, ***“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*** Your redemption and righteousness are made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. You have the responsibility to believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead, and to confess this truth with your mouth. When you do this sincerely, you receive salvation. If you are not born again, or if you are unsure of your salvation, you can receive Christ right now by praying

this prayer sincerely:

“Lord Jesus, I believe that You are my Lord. I believe that You were raised from the dead, and that through Your resurrection I have new life. From today, I belong to You forever. I receive Your life into my life. I receive You as my Lord and my Savior. Jesus Christ, You are my Lord. Thank You, Lord, for this precious gift of salvation.”

If you have prayed these words sincerely from your heart, you are now saved. Salvation is based on the truth of God's Word, not on feelings or emotions. The Scripture guarantees your salvation when you believe and confess as instructed. It is important to mark this day as a significant moment in your spiritual journey. Write down today's date as the day you received Jesus Christ into your life. This record will serve as a reminder of the moment you entered into a new life in Christ and began your journey toward spiritual weightiness and maturity.

The Reality of Your New Birth and the Weight in Your Spirit

Now that you are born again, you must believe in your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead for your sake and that He has become the Lord over your life. When Christ died, you also experienced death in Him, and when He was resurrected, you were made alive through Christ Jesus. You are now dead to sin and to the works of Satan, and through Jesus Christ you have dominion over sin.

Now that you are saved and born again, congratulations! You have entered a path of salvation that you are not meant to abandon. Salvation is a once-for-all experience that begins your new life in Christ. Mistakes and sins do not automatically remove you from salvation. What causes a person to lose salvation is the deliberate rejection of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and a conscious decision to renounce faith in Him. God

does not desire that you make mistakes or continue in sin. However, when you are saved, your physical body does not change immediately, but there is a definite transformation in your human spirit. Salvation causes your spirit to be united with the Holy Spirit. Your spirit becomes joined to Christ, and you enter into unhindered fellowship with God. Your spirit is your inner man, and it is not defined by gender. It is the real you—the part of you that relates directly with God.

Your Spirit Made Alive to God

Before salvation, your spirit was not alive to God; it was dominated by the desires of the body and the world. But when you became saved, your spirit was made alive to God. Through salvation, you came into Christ, and Christ now dwells within you. Your spirit has become awakened and responsive to God. The moment you are saved, certain spiritual realities are imparted into you—realities you may neither see nor feel physically. These divine deposits are the weights that make your spirit man weighty. They are released into your spirit to strengthen, stabilize, and transform your inner life. These spiritual weights include the following:

1. Zoe — The Life of God

Zoe is the Greek word for eternal life. Eternal life is the very life of God that is imparted into you at salvation. It is the same quality of life that God Himself possesses. Everyone who is truly saved carries this life within them. Eternal life is not merely the life you will live after physical death; it is the life you begin to live from the very moment you are saved. It enables you to live in a way that reflects God's nature and desires. This divine life makes you sensitive to living in accordance with God's will.

It begins to influence your character, your speech, and your actions. It reshapes your thinking so that you no longer think according to worldly patterns but according to God's truth. The life of God within you empowers you to live a transformed and godly life.

2. The Spirit of God

At salvation, the Spirit of God is also released into you, making your spirit man weighty and spiritually alive. The life of God and the Spirit of God come into you simultaneously. It is the Spirit of God who brings the life of God into your spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells within you as a divine presence, guiding, teaching, and strengthening you. His presence in your spirit marks you as belonging to God and gives you the capacity to understand spiritual truths, resist sin, and grow in righteousness. The indwelling of the Spirit of God is one of the greatest weights a believer carries in the spirit, because through Him you receive direction, conviction, comfort, and power to live a life that pleases God.

3. The Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit

The fruits of the Spirit are imparted into your life at salvation, and they are expressed through your soul—through your character, emotions, and conduct. The Spirit of God not only brings the fruits of the Spirit into your life but also releases the gifts of the Spirit to you. However, the Holy Spirit requires that you be trained and grow spiritually so that you can properly express both the fruits and the gifts He has brought into your life. Many believers do not flow in the gifts of the Spirit because they have not been taught, trained, or guided in their operation. 1 Corinthians 12:1 says, “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,

I do not want you to be ignorant.” This scripture shows that spiritual gifts function effectively through knowledge, understanding, and spiritual enlightenment. Therefore, you must give attention to developing and training your spiritual gifts. Do not remain ignorant of the spiritual weight the Holy Spirit has deposited within you.

4. Faith

The Spirit of God also brings faith into your spirit at salvation. It is by the Spirit that you were convinced to confess that Jesus is Lord. The same Spirit also imparted faith into your spirit to believe in the finished work of Christ. There is natural faith, which operates at the level of the soul. Natural faith is expressed in everyday beliefs, such as trusting that when you go to sleep at night you will wake up in the morning, or believing that when you step out of your house you will return safely. This kind of faith is based on experience and routine. However, there is also supernatural faith, which is imparted into your spirit. This is the faith that enables you to believe in spiritual realities—such as the life of God within you, the truth of God’s Word, and the unseen promises of God. This faith strengthens your confidence in God and empowers you to live according to divine truth rather than natural sight.

5. Grace

The grace of God is imparted into your human spirit the moment you are saved. You may not immediately feel or recognize it, but it is present and active within you. The grace of Jesus Christ resides in your spirit and becomes a divine resource that enables you to live the Christian life. All believers carry this grace in their spirit. It empowers you to grow, to overcome sin,

to serve God, and to fulfill your divine purpose. Grace is one of the foundational weights that make your spirit strong and capable of spiritual progress.

6. The Love of God

The love of God is also poured into your spirit at salvation. Romans 5:5 says, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” This means that the moment you received the Holy Spirit, the love of God was deposited within your heart. This divine love is not human affection but God’s own nature expressed within you. It enables you to love others beyond natural limitations and helps you relate with people in a way that reflects God’s character. The presence of God’s love in your spirit adds weight and depth to your inner life. It stabilizes your emotions, transforms your relationships, and aligns your heart with the nature of God.

7. All Spiritual Blessings in the Heavenly Places

All spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus are deposited within your spirit. The moment you are saved, these blessings become a part of your spiritual inheritance. The blessings of God are therefore contained within your spirit man. These blessings are not material, monetary, or physical in nature. Rather, they are spiritual blessings that enable you to live in alignment with God, participate in the things of God, and receive from God. They empower you to walk in divine favor, righteousness, and spiritual authority. Scripture affirms this truth in Ephesians 1:3: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” This means that

as a believer, you already carry these blessings within your spirit. Therefore, you must become conscious of your spiritual blessings. Awareness of what you carry in Christ strengthens your faith, shapes your identity, and influences the way you live and relate with God.

8. The Ministry and Working of Angels

Angels can be assigned to your human spirit. Your human spirit is your real self—your inner man—and it is through this inner man that you relate to the spiritual realm. There are instances where angels are assigned to assist and work alongside certain servants of God, especially in the fulfillment of divine assignments. The presence and ministry of angels add weight to your spirit because angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. Hebrews 1:14 says, “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” When angels are assigned to you, they operate in alignment with your spirit and God’s purpose for your life. Their ministry includes protection, guidance, and the execution of divine instructions. The working of angels in a believer’s life contributes to spiritual strength and reinforces the believer’s ability to stand against spiritual opposition. It is important to understand that angels do not replace your relationship with God, but they function as servants of God who assist in carrying out His will. Their presence and activity in your life are part of the spiritual resources God provides to make your spirit stronger, more effective, and weightier in the realm of the Spirit.

Christ Lives in Your Human Spirit

Galatians 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no

longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...” This scripture reveals a profound spiritual reality: Christ lives within the believer. His dwelling place in you is your human spirit. Your body is the house in which your spirit resides, and it is within your spirit man that Christ makes His home. This indwelling of Christ is one of the greatest spiritual weights a believer carries, because it signifies a living union with Him.

The Ministry Gift on Your Life

God also makes your spirit man weighty by placing a ministry gift upon your life. According to Ephesians 4:8, 11–12, “Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.’ ... And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” God assigns different ministry gifts to different individuals. Some receive prophetic gifts, others are called into evangelistic, teaching, pastoral, or apostolic offices. These gifts are deposited into the spirit man and become part of a person’s divine calling and purpose. Jeremiah 1:5 says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” The part of Jeremiah that was ordained was his spirit. His spirit was set apart and prepared for the prophetic office even before his physical birth. As Jeremiah grew and matured, he became aware of this calling and learned to function in the reality of his prophetic gift. When God places such gifts upon a person, they are known as ministerial offices. The Spirit of God brings your inner man into one of these offices according to His divine purpose. As a believer, you must grow spiritually so that you can recognize and function effectively in

your ministry gift.

Be Aware of Your Spiritual Reality

The manifestation of the weights placed in your spirit is largely dependent on the knowledge and understanding you possess. You must become aware of the spiritual deposits within you and learn how to function in them. This is one of the reasons believers are encouraged to gather regularly in fellowship and participate actively in the church. The church serves as a training ground where believers are taught, equipped, and guided in understanding and expressing the spiritual realities within them. Through sound teaching and spiritual growth, you learn how to enjoy and manifest the things God has placed in your spirit. The weights in your spirit enable you to function effectively and become conscious of the divine inheritance the Lord has given you. You must be fully convinced that God has brought you into the awareness of your spiritual reality and inheritance. As you grow in knowledge and obedience, you will begin to manifest this new reality in your daily life. Your spirit man is weighty because of the divine deposits placed within you by the working of the Spirit of God. Therefore, prepare yourself to step into the full manifestation of this spiritual reality and walk in the purpose for which God has called you.

ASCENDING INTO THE REALM OF THE WEIGHTINESS

Understanding the Basis

It is possible for a person to be weighty in the body yet lack weight in the soul. Therefore, you must not be carried away by physical appearance or bodily presence alone. Instead, be intentional about building and developing weight in your soul. In the same way, a person may be weighty in the soul but still lack weight in the spirit. True maturity and substance require balance across all three dimensions of human existence—the body, the soul, and the spirit. You must therefore strive to maintain balance by developing your spirit, soul, and body together. A well-balanced life ensures that your influence, character, and spiritual depth grow in harmony, making you truly weighty in every aspect of your being.

What Does It Mean to Be Weighty?

The following definitions will help you understand and grasp the concept of weightiness.

1. Weightiness as Heaviness

To be weighty means to be heavy. It describes a person who carries substance, not just physically but in presence and significance. Weightiness, in its simplest sense, connotes heaviness—something that carries mass, depth, and substance.

2. Weightiness as Influence and Relevance

To be weighty also means to be powerful and influential to the point that you cannot be ignored, sidelined, pushed aside, or abandoned. When a person is repeatedly neglected or overlooked, it often reveals a lack of perceived weight or value in that individual. Weighty people are not easily abandoned because they carry value and provide solutions. You must be conscious of continually adding value to yourself. The value and solutions that flow from your life make you a person who cannot be rejected or ignored. Many Christians become overly emotional about situations that actually require responsibility and personal growth. Sometimes, people or systems around you may silently communicate that you are no longer needed. Instead of reacting emotionally, you should see such moments as a wake-up call to grow, develop, and improve yourself. Life is not governed by emotions alone; it is both spiritual and practical. If you live emotionally without understanding practical principles, you may miss your place in prominence and influence. Emotional people often position themselves on the side of pity rather than on the side of responsibility.

Some people expect life to move in the direction they desire without aligning themselves with the principles that make progress possible. They resort to gossip, idle conversations, and association with rebellious or unproductive people simply to vent their frustrations. This does not build weight; it diminishes it. Whenever you feel neglected in decision-making or notice that things are not working in your favor, take time to evaluate

your life. Identify the areas where improvement and adjustment are needed. Refuse to complain, and do not allow sorrow, depression, or hatred to take root in your heart because of rejection or disappointment. Do not be overly concerned with people who are not paying attention to you. Instead, focus on your growth. Reject laziness, sluggishness, dullness, and idleness. Never condition your mind to believe that you are unloved simply because you are not receiving attention. Do not present yourself as someone to be pitied. Embrace the principles of dignity, excellence, contentment, and value. Become a person who is value-oriented, progress-minded, and success-focused. Let your value be consistently felt among people.

Life responds to the value you are currently providing, not merely to the value you offered in the past. Do not rely on yesterday's achievements. Renew your value continually. Human beings are naturally inclined to respond to present value, not past accomplishments. They are wired to think forward, not backward. Always ask yourself what value and impact you are bringing into your workplace, institution, organization, and sphere of influence. Focus on the solutions you can provide today. Concentrate on the contributions you can make to knowledge, growth, and progress in your present environment. Never develop an entitlement mentality because of past successes or previous contributions. Your focus should not be on what you did yesterday, but on the value you can deliver today and tomorrow. Become a consistent forward-thinker. Trust the Holy Spirit to inspire your heart continually with ideas, strategies, and actions that will keep you relevant. When you receive direction on what to do, also trust God for divine strength, energy, and grace to perform, implement, and execute those instructions.

Regularly ask yourself the following questions:

- What must I do to remain relevant in my sphere of influence?
- What actions do I need to take to become more impactful and influential?
- What should I be contributing now in my field, workplace, organization, or institution to stay relevant?
- What solutions should I be focused on delivering at this moment?

When you gain clarity on these questions, you will not be rejected, sidelined, or abandoned in life. People may applaud you today, but whether they will applaud you tomorrow depends on the value you continue to provide. Make time to reflect on these questions until you gain clear direction. Train yourself to be a solution provider for both today and tomorrow. Be diligent in helping others, because every act of genuine help registers your value and relevance in their hearts. Never stop making a positive impact in the lives of those around you. Develop yourself into a person who is needed. Do not allow yourself to become easily replaceable in value and impact.

Counsels for Biological Parents and Leaders

There are two categories of people who should not always be needed: parents and leaders. There comes a stage in life when constant dependence on them should gradually cease. As parents, there is a time when your children should no longer depend on you for their basic needs. For instance, a child who is forty years old and still expects his or her parents to send money for food and daily upkeep is not following a healthy pattern of development. Even by the age of thirty, an adult should have attained a reasonable level of financial independence. At that stage, one should be able to take responsibility for personal

welfare rather than rely on parental support.

Every adult must grow into financial independence from their parents while maintaining complete dependence on God for provision and blessing. As children mature, they should rise to the level where they become a source of blessing and support to their parents, rather than a continued financial burden. Parents who still have children within these age brackets who remain dependent on them for survival should trust God for wisdom, intervention, and breakthrough in guiding such children into responsibility and self-sufficiency.

Leaders of organizations should also understand that they are not meant to be needed at all times. Effective leadership involves raising people who can think independently, make sound decisions, and take initiative without requiring constant approval. A leader who must be consulted on every minor matter has not yet succeeded in building strong and capable followers. Therefore, both parents and leaders must intentionally work toward a stage where their direct involvement is no longer required in every situation. However, apart from these two groups, every other individual should strive to remain relevant and valuable. One should not go about telling people, "I am available," without offering meaningful value. Instead, focus on doing something significant in the present that will make you remembered, respected, and sought after. Relevance is sustained by consistent impact. You may have achieved certain things in the past, but your greatest focus should be on the value your life is producing now. Let your life be guided by a commitment to impact and usefulness in every season. This is a principle worth embracing for the rest of your days.

3. To Be Weighty is to Become a Personality Whose Presence is Felt and Whose Absence is Missed

To be weighty is to become a person whose presence is strongly felt and whose absence is deeply missed. If you desire to be missed in any place, you must become a person of influence and value. Your impact must consistently exceed expectations wherever you find yourself. If your value is only felt occasionally, your absence will hardly be noticed. People miss those who contribute meaningfully and consistently. Therefore, wherever you go, let your presence be felt through the responsibilities you carry and the excellence with which you execute them. Do not focus on what others are doing or failing to do. There may be times when it appears that you are the only one putting in your best effort or stretching yourself to accomplish a task. Do not relent in such moments. Consistency in doing your best is what builds weight and significance in your life. The truth is simple: ***the things you do regularly are what will cause your absence to be felt when you are no longer present. If you give your best only occasionally, your absence will not create a noticeable gap. But when you give your best at all times, people will feel it the moment you are not there.***

Give your best every time:

- When you are praised by others, give your best;
- When you are not praised, still give your best.

Some people stopped giving their best because they were not appreciated or celebrated. Never join the category of people who adopt the careless attitude that “I cannot come and kill myself.” Such a mindset erodes excellence and robs a person of lasting influence. According to the Easy-to-Read Version (ERV), Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, “Every time you find work to do, do it the best you can...” Let this Scripture become a guiding principle

for your life and your approach to work. A life governed by this mindset naturally becomes weighty—valued, respected, and difficult to replace.

4. To Be Weighty Means to Become a Person Who Cannot Easily Be Plotted Against or Destroyed

To be weighty is to become a person who cannot easily be pulled down, undermined, or destroyed. When people recognize that nothing they do can stop your progress, it is a clear sign that you have become a person of weight and substance. Let people know, by the consistency of your life and results, that whether they support you or not, you will continue to make progress. When some individuals withdraw their support from your life, do not be shaken. The weight you carry should sustain you beyond human approval or assistance. Whenever you hear others say that nothing good will come out of your life or your efforts in an organization, respond not with arguments but with excellence. Give your best to your assignments. Do your work with all the strength within you. Even when you are pushed to the background or relegated to a less visible position, become more effective, more committed, and more relevant in that very place. There are conspiracies that can only be defeated by your fruitfulness and effectiveness. Your greatest defense is not retaliation but consistent productivity. All you need is focus and unwavering commitment to your responsibilities. Never allow negative words or hostile actions to weigh down your soul. Grow to the point where you become too valuable and too impactful to be easily opposed or destroyed by men. Also, do not allow the fear of “being used by people” to reduce your effectiveness in any organization. Wherever you find yourself, let your work speak for you, and let your productivity define your relevance.

5. To Be Weighty Is to Become a Person Loved Even by

Enemies and Haters

Another dimension of weightiness is the ability to be loved—even by those who once opposed or disliked you. You must grow to the level where both friends and enemies are compelled to respect and relate with you because of the value you bring into their lives. To be loved by those who dislike you, you must first show them love. Your genuine love toward others will naturally move you to act in ways that are relevant and beneficial in their lives. Be ready to support people, even when they have not treated you kindly. Do not rejoice when others face difficulties; rather, rise up to support them and offer the help they need. Sometimes people treat you poorly simply because they do not truly know who you are. Their attitude may be based on misinformation, assumptions, or negative things they have heard in your absence. The moment you begin to show them sincere love and kindness, their perception of you often changes. They begin to see your true heart and recognize that you genuinely care for them.

Let People Continually Experience the Love of God through Your Life

Never form opinions about others based solely on what you hear. Many people spread false or exaggerated stories about others. Be cautious of those who constantly speak negatively about people in their absence. Refuse to participate in hatred or gossip. Instead, choose to love everyone. Never repay evil with evil. When people treat you wrongly, respond with goodness. Let it be your life's principle to do good to all people. When you find it difficult to love someone, be intentional about praying for them. Pray sincerely for those who oppose you or speak against you. Adopt and master this principle of life: ***the person who hates***

you today may become your helper tomorrow, while the person who helps you today may hurt you tomorrow. For this reason, love everyone. You cannot determine in advance whom God will use to bless or assist you. Therefore, become a person who does good without expecting anything in return—a person whose character, love, and consistency make them truly weighty in life

Moving from the Realm of the Weighty to the Realm of the Weightier

There are different levels of influence and significance in life. Some people are weighty, while others are weightier. It is not enough to remain at the level of being weighty; you must aspire to grow into a weightier personality. There are five key indicators that determine whether a person has become weightier.

1. To Be Weightier Means to Become Better Than Your Former Self

To be weightier means to be better, brighter, wiser, and greater than your former self. The version of you that must continually advance is your previous self. Growth is measured not by comparison with others but by your personal progress over time. You must improve in your dressing, your speech, your approach to life, your relationships with people, your responses to questions, and your reactions in challenging situations. When you consistently become better than who you used to be, you are moving into the realm of the weightier.

2. To Be Weightier Means to Be Respected, Admired, and Sought Out by Weighty People

When people of substance—those who are themselves influential and established—begin to respect, admire, and seek your

company, it is a clear indication that you have become weightier. The recognition of weighty people carries significance because they understand value and substance when they see it.

3. To Be Weightier Means to Have Influence Even Over Weighty People

A weightier person possesses such depth of wisdom, character, and competence that even weighty individuals come under their influence. When people who are already influential begin to receive guidance, inspiration, or direction from you, it shows that you have grown into a higher level of relevance and impact.

4. To Be Weightier Means to Be Studied, Imitated, and Pursued by Others

When you become weightier, people begin to study your life, your methods, and your results. They observe how you speak, how you dress, how you make decisions, and how you achieve success. They imitate the qualities in you that they admire. Imitation in this context is not wrong; rather, it is often a sign of leadership and distinction. It is acceptable to adopt positive traits from those who have achieved mastery and success in certain areas of life. For example, one may emulate a person's style of communication, discipline, or excellence. However, this should never extend to dishonest practices such as cheating in examinations or assessments. When you are weightier, your life becomes a model. Your actions are studied, your methods are copied, and your path is pursued by others who desire similar results.

5. To Be Weightier Means to Carry Greater Weight in Influence, Network, and Relevance

To be weightier ultimately means to carry greater weight—greater influence, broader networks, and deeper relevance. It is seen when people who are already well-connected, influential,

and established begin to rise toward your level or seek alignment with you. At that point, your weight surpasses theirs in certain dimensions. You are not called merely to be weightier; you are called to become weightier. Continually trust the Lord to increase your capacity, your influence, and your stature in life. As you grow in wisdom, character, and impact, your weight in life will keep increasing.

Moving from the Realm of the Weightier to the Realm of the Weightiest

It is not enough to be weightier in life; you must continue to grow until you reach the realm of the weightiest. While many people are striving to become weightier, you must set your sights even higher. You are not only capable of becoming weightier—you can become the weightiest. This progression reflects the different levels of influence, relevance, and authority that exist in life. Some people are still trying to reach the level of being weighty, while others are advancing toward being weightier. However, you must not stop there. You must press forward until you attain the level of the weightiest.

What Does It Mean to Be the Weightiest?

To be the weightiest means:

1. **To become the most powerful** — possessing exceptional capacity, authority, and the ability to produce significant results.
2. **To become the most respected** — earning honor and recognition across different spheres because of character, consistency, and impact.
3. **To become the most successful** — demonstrating outstanding and undeniable results in your field or assignment.

4. **To become the most influential** — shaping decisions, directions, and outcomes not only within your immediate environment but across wider territories.

At every level of life, there are individuals and institutions that stand out as the most influential and the most respected. In different industries, there are personalities whose voices carry the greatest weight. There are companies and ministries that are recognized as the most impactful and authoritative in their fields. Even within families, some lineages become the most prominent and influential across generations. Do not stop at being weightier. Rise higher and pursue the realm of the weightiest. It is not by accident that you have come across this book. God has permitted you to encounter this teaching because He desires to lift you to the highest level of relevance, capacity, and impact. Therefore, make a conscious decision to move higher—to grow in wisdom, character, competence, and influence until you stand among the weightiest in your generation. I pray that your capacity, importance, relevance, and impact will continually increase until they become weightiest in every sphere where God has placed you.

UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF A WEIGHTY PERSON

A person cannot truly know their weight until they are weighed. Just as a physical scale is used to measure the weight of a person, there are also spiritual measures by which a person's true worth, substance, and standing are evaluated. Scripture provides a vivid example of this in the book of Daniel. In Daniel 5:24–25, 29, the Bible records: "Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written. And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel..." The king was deeply troubled by the mysterious inscription because none of his wise men could read or interpret it. As recorded in Daniel 5:8, "Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation." Eventually, Daniel was brought before the king to interpret the message. One of the words in the inscription was explained in Daniel 5:27: "TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting." This statement reveals a profound spiritual truth: King Belshazzar was weighed by God and found lacking.

He appeared powerful and secure outwardly, but when placed on God's scale, he was discovered to be light—without the required weight of righteousness, humility, and reverence for God. This account teaches us that God has His own way of weighing people. Human beings may judge by appearances, titles, or achievements, but God measures the inner substance of a person—their character, obedience, integrity, and reverence for Him. Therefore, it is possible to appear significant before men yet be found wanting before God. Just as Belshazzar was weighed and found deficient, every life is ultimately evaluated on the divine scale. This truth calls every believer to live with intentionality, ensuring that their life carries genuine spiritual weight and not merely outward display.

Aspects of a Man That God Can Weigh

Scripture clearly teaches that God weighs human beings. In Job 31:6, Job declares, “Let me be weighed on honest scales, that God may know my integrity.” This statement reveals Job's confidence in his uprightness and his willingness to be examined by God. It also shows that there are measurable aspects of a person's life that God evaluates. A human being is not beyond divine assessment; God has a standard by which He weighs every life. The psalmist also affirms this truth in Psalms 62:9: ***“Surely men of low degree are a vapor, men of high degree are a lie; if they are weighed on the scales, they are altogether lighter than vapor.”*** This Scriptural passage makes it clear that God weighs both the lowly and the prominent. Those who are considered important, influential, or powerful among men are not exempt from divine evaluation. In the sight of God, social status, titles, and human recognition do not determine true weight. God can weigh who you are and assess your capacity, your character, and

your conduct. Although all who belong to Christ are precious and important in His sight, not all believers carry the same level of responsibility or produce the same level of impact. Some are entrusted with greater assignments than others, and this affects how their lives are evaluated in terms of stewardship and faithfulness. Your weight before God is therefore connected to your posture before Him—who you are inwardly, how you think, the things you do, and the words you speak. These are the aspects of life that God places on His scale.

Proverbs 16:11 further emphasizes the accuracy of God's evaluation: **“Honest weights and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are His work.”** God's scale is perfectly just and completely accurate. Unlike human judgment, which can be biased or flawed, God's weighing is based on an honest and infallible standard. His measurements are true and free from error or manipulation. Before God weighs a person, He sees the heart. His evaluation is not based merely on outward appearance but on inward reality. While the opinions of people about you may carry some social significance, what God says about you remains the most important. Human approval may fluctuate, but divine judgment is final and authoritative. Whether one is aware of it or not, God continually weighs people—both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Every life is assessed according to divine standards of truth, righteousness, and faithfulness. This truth calls every believer to live with sincerity, integrity, and reverence, knowing that their life is constantly being evaluated on God's honest scale.

God the Judge

Psalms 75:6–7 declares, “For exaltation comes neither from

the east nor from the west nor from the south; but God is the Judge..." One dimension of God's nature is His role as the righteous Judge of the universe. The weighing side of God is His justice side—He weighs, evaluates, and judges every human life according to His perfect standard. The outcome of God's weighing is based on what He judges to be true about a person. Human beings do not possess perfectly honest scales. Their judgments are often inaccurate, biased, or influenced by outward appearances. However, God's scales are always honest and precise. Every person can be weighed by God; the only One who cannot be weighed is God Himself. All humanity stands accountable before Him. You must understand that whenever God weighs a person, there is always a divine standard—a "pass mark," based on righteousness, truth, and integrity. Below are some of the key aspects that God, the Judge, weighs in the life of every individual.

1. The Heart

When God weighs a person, He first considers the heart. Unlike human beings, who are often impressed by physical appearance or external achievements, God looks beyond outward display and examines the inner life. The heart is the invisible part of a person that cannot be seen with physical eyes. It is the center of thoughts, intentions, desires, and moral choices. The things contained in the heart of a person can be known by the person's spirit, while the thoughts and intentions of God are known by the Spirit of God. Discerning the contents of another person's heart may require spiritual sensitivity and, at times, prophetic insight, but God sees it perfectly at all times. The heart is vast and complex. It comprises the conscience, emotions, memories, imagination, and decision-making processes. These

components together shape the totality of a person's life. Your conscience is part of your heart, and it can be weighed. You should never act as though you have no conscience. Your emotions—such as love, joy, sorrow, or hatred—also reveal the condition of your heart. God likewise weighs the things stored in your memory, including past experiences, grudges, and hidden desires. The course of a person's life is largely determined by the state of their heart. Your life expands or contracts according to the largeness or narrowness of your heart. The heart serves as the gateway to your life; whatever is allowed to enter and remain in your heart eventually influences your actions and character. This is why Scripture instructs us to guard our hearts with all diligence. You bear the responsibility to protect your heart from harmful influences and to carefully monitor what you allow to dwell within it. Do not permit evil, wickedness, pride, bitterness, sorrow, or hatred to take root in your heart. Be mindful of what you expose your eyes and mind to, because what you continually see and dwell on often finds its way into your heart. When God weighs the hearts of some people, He finds wickedness, hatred, and corrupt intentions—even if those individuals have not yet acted on those thoughts. At times, a person may not have physically committed an evil act, but the intention and willingness to carry it out already exist within the heart. God weighs not only actions but also motives and hidden plans. This truth is emphasized in 1 Samuel 16:7 which reads, "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature... For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" God looks at the heart, and He weighs it. Therefore, anyone who desires to stand approved before God must pay careful attention to the condition of their inner life,

knowing that nothing in the heart is hidden from the divine scale.

2. The Thoughts

God weighs the thoughts of human beings. He evaluates the things that occupy a person's mind regularly. Your thoughts are not random or insignificant; they form a continuous flow that shapes your words, decisions, and actions. What fills your heart influences what you think, and what you think consistently will eventually manifest in how you speak and behave. For this reason, you must be intentional about guarding your mind and refusing to entertain negative or destructive thoughts. If a person continually thinks thoughts of fear, bitterness, pride, or wickedness, those thoughts will eventually take root in the heart and express themselves outwardly. Therefore, protect your heart and mind from dwelling on negative patterns of thinking. Fill your mind with truth, wisdom, and thoughts that align with righteousness, because God weighs not only your outward conduct but also the inner stream of your thoughts.

3. The Words

God also weighs the words that proceed from your mouth. Scripture teaches that people will be judged by the words they speak, which means that speech is not merely a social tool—it is a spiritual matter with eternal implications. When a person does not exercise control over their words, it reveals a lack of weight and maturity. You must learn to speak intentionally, saying only what you have thoughtfully decided to say. Words should not flow carelessly or recklessly from your mouth. We live in a world where many people speak evil, abusive, corrupt, and careless words. As a believer, you must be conscious and disciplined in

your speech. Words are more than sounds or language; they carry spiritual force. Words function as seeds, and every word spoken is planted either in your own heart or in the hearts of others. These seeds can produce different kinds of fruit—faith or fear, wisdom or confusion, healing or destruction, love or hatred. Once planted, words have the potential to grow and bear fruit over time. For this reason, you must refuse to allow corrupt or destructive words to proceed from your mouth. Instead, let your speech be filled with grace, truth, and wisdom.

4. The Actions

God also weighs a person's actions. It is not enough to have good intentions or correct thoughts; what you do in practice is also placed on God's scale. 1 Samuel 2:3 declares, "Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the Lord is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed." This Scriptural passage clearly states that God evaluates the deeds of men. Every action you take—every decision you execute and every responsibility you implement—is observed and weighed by God. Your actions reveal the true state of your heart and the sincerity of your thoughts and words. While people may speak impressively, it is their actions that ultimately demonstrate their character. God, who is the God of knowledge, measures not only what you say or think but also what you consistently do. Anyone who desires to be found weighty before God must ensure that their actions align with righteousness, integrity, and obedience. Consistent right action is one of the clearest indicators of true spiritual weight.

What Does It Mean to Weigh?

Weighing Defined

To understand how God evaluates human beings, it is important to first define what it means to weigh. Weighing is not limited to measuring physical mass; in a broader and spiritual sense, it involves assessment, evaluation, and judgment.

1. To weigh a person is to measure the heaviness of that person: It is the process of determining how heavy or substantial a person is, whether physically or metaphorically. In spiritual terms, it refers to measuring the depth, substance, and capacity of an individual.

2. To weigh means to measure and evaluate the importance and relevance of a person: It involves assessing how significant, valuable, and impactful a person is within a particular context or assignment.

3. To weigh means to determine how powerful, committed, influential, loving, faithful, and responsible a person or a group is: This type of weighing examines character, consistency, and the ability to produce meaningful results over time.

4. To weigh means to examine the genuineness, obedience, and actions of a person: It is a process of discovering whether a person's words, intentions, and behavior are sincere and aligned with truth and righteousness.

5. To weigh means to estimate the performance and effectiveness of a group, a government, or its leaders: Institutions and leadership structures can also be weighed by assessing their decisions, policies, impact, and overall results.

In essence, weighing is the process of measuring true substance—whether in individuals, groups, or systems. It reveals what is real, what is lacking, and what carries genuine weight in the sight of God and in the affairs of men.

The Weighing Scales of Men

Human beings also weigh and evaluate one another, but unlike God, their assessment is limited. Men can only judge based on what they see, hear, and know about you externally. Because of these limitations, their conclusions are often incomplete or sometimes inaccurate. The following are some of the common scales men use to weigh others:

1. Through Appearance

One of the primary ways people weigh others is through appearance. Scripture provides an example in the life of Prophet Samuel, who was almost deceived by outward appearance when he was sent to anoint a king over Israel. This shows that people naturally form impressions based on what they see. A good appearance reflects self-care, discipline, and respect for oneself. It involves both physical well-being and a proper sense of dressing. The condition of your body is influenced by what you eat and how you take care of yourself. Eating well, staying hydrated, and maintaining good hygiene contribute to a healthy and presentable appearance. Proper nutrition supports strength, vitality, and overall well-being, enabling you to function effectively in your responsibilities. Appearance also includes grooming. Your hairstyle, posture, and general cleanliness all contribute to how people perceive you. For example, maintaining clean teeth and fresh breath is an essential part of personal hygiene. Small details such as washing your tongue, keeping your hair neat, and maintaining a tidy look can greatly influence how others respond to you.

Dress sense is another important aspect of appearance. Dressing neatly and appropriately communicates dignity, orderliness, and self-respect. This is not about owning expensive or numer-

ous clothes but about presenting yourself in a clean, modest, and well-coordinated manner. A good dressing sense has a way of enhancing and magnifying your personality. Your physical stature—whether tall, short, slim, or large—should not be a source of shame or intimidation. You did not create yourself; God created you with intention and purpose. Learn to carry yourself with confidence and dignity regardless of your body type. When you accept and care for your appearance, you project confidence and self-worth, which others naturally perceive and respect.

2. Through the Appearance of Royalty or Majesty

Another scale men use in weighing others is the appearance of royalty or majesty. This refers to the sense of dignity, order, and honor that surrounds a person. Historically, kings and leaders established an atmosphere of royalty through their environment, protocols, and the people who attended to them. When people observe a structured and organized environment around you—such as order, discipline, and coordinated systems—it communicates importance and authority. The presence of protocol, organization, and well-presented associates can influence how others perceive your status and significance. Royalty is not merely about titles but about presentation, conduct, and atmosphere. A person who carries themselves with composure, speaks with clarity, and maintains order in their surroundings often gives an impression of dignity and distinction. This perception influences how others treat and value them. People often assign value based on what they perceive. Therefore, the environment you create, the order you maintain, and the way you carry yourself all contribute to the impression you leave on others. When these elements reflect excellence and structure,

they signal to others that you are a person of importance and responsibility. This does not mean creating artificial displays of grandeur, but rather cultivating an atmosphere of discipline, respect, and excellence that naturally commands honor. When your life reflects order, dignity, and consistency, people begin to treat you with greater regard and seriousness.

3. Through Wisdom

Another scale men use in weighing others is wisdom. Wisdom operates on different levels. It may be reflected in a person's behavior, their silence, their words, and their works. To behave wisely in different situations is itself a demonstration of wisdom. At times, wisdom is revealed in knowing when to speak and when to remain silent. The way you express yourself through speech—your tone, your choice of words, and your ability to communicate clearly—reveals the depth of your understanding. People often assess your weight and maturity by how you speak and respond in conversations. You should not limit your knowledge to your immediate field alone. Instead, broaden your horizons and strive to contribute meaningfully to intellectual conversations and discussions. A well-rounded mind commands greater respect than a narrow one. As a leader, train yourself to listen to global and local leaders across different fields. Pay attention to those who are ahead of you in your sphere of influence so that you can learn from their experiences and glean wisdom from their insights. When people perceive wisdom in your words and conduct, they naturally begin to weigh you more highly. There are certain statements a person makes that immediately cause others to regard them as wise, and there is a manner of speaking that allows people to predict a promising future for the speaker.

4. Through the Authority They Perceive in You

Men also weigh others based on the authority they perceive around them. This authority is often linked to the position a person occupies and the influence they exercise within that position. Positions of responsibility naturally carry authority, and people use such positions as a parameter for evaluating significance and importance. Many weighty men and women occupy positions that allow them to make decisions, influence outcomes, and guide others. Therefore, one should not treat positions lightly. Seek to grow into roles of responsibility and influence, because these roles often shape how people assess your weight and relevance.

5. Through Greatness

Another scale men use is greatness, which in simple terms refers to importance and prominence. A person's greatness is often measured by the level of influence they exert and the number of people who are impacted by their life and work. When you have mentees, followers, or individuals who listen to you, respect you, and look up to you, these are indicators that people perceive greatness in you. Likewise, when others admire you, imitate you, or seek your guidance, it reflects that they see your life as significant and worthy of attention.

6. Through Productivity

Productivity is one of the most visible and widely used scales by which men weigh others. To be productive means to produce tangible results. People are naturally regarded as weighty when they consistently achieve success and complete meaningful tasks. Successful accomplishments add weight to a person's reputation and standing. You should not settle for ordinary results; your life should reflect excellence and superior outcomes.

Superior results are what move a person from the level of being merely weighty to becoming weightier and even weightiest. Ask yourself important questions:

- What success am I working toward?
- What am I doing daily to move closer to that success?

You must build a track record of achievements and become a person whose contribution is clearly needed in any environment. In the workplace, your superiors should be able to see you as a weighty and dependable individual. You create this perception through visible commitment, diligence, and consistent productivity. Deliver your work with excellence and distinction, and let your results speak on your behalf. You may not always be publicly praised, but your work will be recognized through the results you produce. Therefore, cultivate a reputation as someone who completes assignments and brings projects to successful completion. Do not be known for abandoning tasks or procrastinating when deadlines approach.

One of the ways to build closer professional relationships and earn trust in an organization is by embracing responsibility and developing the capacity to stretch yourself in order to accomplish demanding tasks. Be willing, at times, to take on additional responsibilities, work extra hours when necessary, and meet important deadlines. Such habits demonstrate reliability and reinforce the perception that you are a productive and valuable member of the organization.

7. Through Legacy

Another way people are weighed is through the legacy they leave behind. When you begin to think seriously about your

legacy, you will be compelled to answer certain honest and reflective questions. Legacy is not accidental; it is the result of deliberate choices, consistent actions, and long-term vision.

Consider the following questions:

- What do you want to leave behind for others to benefit from?
- What do you want to live for?
- What do you want humanity to remember you for?
- What values or qualities do you want others to emulate from your life?
- What lessons do you want people to learn from you?
- Who or what will represent your legacy after you are gone?

A wise person intentionally identifies the things that will represent their legacy and begins to build toward them early in life. Your legacy may be expressed through your character, your works, your teachings, your family, or the lives you have impacted. It is important to continually ask yourself, “***Who or what will carry my legacy forward?***”

8. Through Family

A person can also be weighed through the condition and character of their family. What people see in your spouse and children often reflects how you have lived, led, and invested in them. Ask yourself:

- What can be seen and said about my spouse?
- What can be seen and said about my children?
- What am I doing to elevate, support, and expose my spouse to growth and opportunities?
- How am I contributing positively to the development and

future of my children?

Rather than constantly criticizing your spouse, learn to communicate your expectations constructively and lovingly. Guide, shape, train, and support one another. Sometimes your spouse may not be aware of certain opportunities or perspectives, and it becomes your responsibility to offer direction and encouragement in a respectful and understanding manner. Marriage brings together two individuals with different backgrounds, training, and exposures; therefore, both partners must intentionally contribute to each other's advancement, development, and progress.

There are certain qualities visible in a family that signal weightiness—such as order, respect, mutual support, and shared growth. The way a husband and wife relate to one another, and the atmosphere they create in their home, often communicates their level of maturity and depth to observers. A woman may be perceived as weighty by the caliber and influence of her husband and by the dignity with which she relates to him. Likewise, a man is weighed by how he treats and supports his wife, especially when she is accomplished, educated, or advancing in her career. To relate effectively with a spouse who is growing in influence, prominence, or professional responsibility requires maturity, flexibility, and emotional intelligence. For example, when a woman is deeply engaged in her career or professional responsibilities, a husband must be willing to adopt a flexible and understanding approach rather than insisting on rigid expectations. Marriage is a partnership, and both partners have individual visions and responsibilities to fulfill. A weighty husband or wife is one who is secure and mature enough to support their spouse's growth without feeling

threatened or pressured. Therefore, both partners must learn to accommodate, tolerate, and understand each other. The ability to manage a marriage successfully—regardless of the level of influence or busyness of either partner—is expressed through patience, forgiveness, forbearance, and mutual respect. It is important to recognize when your spouse is engaged in demanding responsibilities and to honor those periods with understanding rather than resentment. The attention and support you receive from your spouse often depend on how well you understand their calling and responsibilities. In the end, when both partners support and sacrifice for one another, they will together celebrate the fruits of their labor and the success of their shared journey. A strong, supportive, and progressive family becomes one of the clearest indicators of a truly weighty life.

9. By Possessions

Another way people weigh others is through their possessions. Possessions often signify prosperity, stability, and influence in the eyes of men. Your wealth, assets, businesses, organizational structures, and even the people you employ can all contribute to how others perceive your weightiness. While possessions are not the ultimate measure of a person's value before God, they do play a role in how people assess importance and influence in society. Therefore, it is not wrong to trust God for prosperity and increase. Desiring growth in legitimate possessions, resources, and opportunities can position you to have greater impact and relevance in your generation.

10. Through Your Associations

The associations, relationships, and networks you maintain

also contribute to how people weigh you. The level of access you have to prominent, influential, and accomplished individuals often shapes how others perceive your standing and credibility. It is important to nurture your relationships with sincerity, mutual respect, and genuine care. Strong relationships are sustained when both parties contribute value to one another. Supporting, assisting, and encouraging one another strengthens the bond and ensures that the relationship remains healthy and productive. No one succeeds entirely alone. Strategic relationships can redefine how others perceive you and can open doors to opportunities that would otherwise remain closed. When people observe that you are connected with respected and influential individuals, they often treat you with increased regard and seriousness. Trust God to bring quality relationships and meaningful friendships into your life. Once such relationships are established, nurture them through integrity, loyalty, generosity, and consistent communication. Healthy associations have a way of uplifting your image and broadening your influence in the sight of others.

11. Through Territory and Expansion

People also weigh others based on the territory they occupy and the extent of their influence. When your work, voice, or impact is recognized in multiple places—within your city, nation, or beyond—it signals weight and significance. A weighty person often has a defined territory—a sphere of influence where their voice is heard, their opinions are sought after, and their presence is recognized. Expansion into new territories, whether through ideas, business, ministry, or leadership, reflects growth and increasing relevance. When your name becomes known across different locations and platforms, it begins to carry authority

and remembrance. At this level, you are no longer just another individual; you become a personality to be reckoned with within your sphere of influence.

12. By Generosity

Generosity is another powerful scale by which men weigh others. A generous person who consistently blesses others is often regarded as weighty, compassionate, and influential. When you become a blessing to many people, it sends a strong signal that you are a person of substance and capacity. It often requires influence, stability, and compassion to be able to support others meaningfully. Those who benefit from your generosity are more likely to respect you and be open to your influence in their lives. Generosity, therefore, not only meets needs but also builds goodwill, trust, and lasting relationships. Trust God to bless you to such a level that you are able to bless others freely and joyfully. Aspire to reach a stage where you can support individuals, families, and even communities without feeling strained or burdened. A life of generosity reflects both prosperity and a heart aligned with compassion.

Concluding Reflection

The insights shared in this chapter are intended to help you understand the various factors that people consider when weighing others. By being aware of these scales—possessions, associations, territory, and generosity—you can focus your life on developing qualities and structures that make you both impactful and respected. However, while these factors may elevate your stature before men, true and lasting weightiness must ultimately be established before God. When you grow in wisdom, character, influence, and generosity, you gain stature

both with God and with people—creating a life that carries significance in every sphere.

UNDERSTANDING THE PARAMETERS FOR WEIGHING PEOPLE

Certain Things Men Do Not Prioritize When Weighing Others

There are certain things that, although important in themselves, do not automatically determine your importance or authority in the eyes of men. In many cases, people do not consider these factors alone when deciding whether someone is weighty. These include the following:

1. Vision

Having a vision does not, by itself, demonstrate weightiness. People do not usually judge your significance based on the vision you carry in your mind or even the one you share with others. What truly captures people's attention is the visible result and manifestation of that vision. It is not enough to possess a vision; what matters is the execution of that vision. A vision that remains in the mind without action does not command respect or recognition. Therefore, you must ensure that the ideas and plans you carry are worked out in practical ways. Do not allow your vision to lie dormant. If you have envisioned a

company, a business, a ministry, or a product, take deliberate steps to bring it into reality. When people see the number of staff you employ, the structure you build, and the impact your work is generating, they begin to regard you as weighty and influential. In essence, having a vision is valuable, but acting on that vision is what gives it weight in the sight of men.

2. Knowledge

Another factor that men do not always prioritize in weighing others is knowledge alone. Many people possess information, and everyone knows something about one subject or another. However, not all knowledge is complete, accurate, or applied. Possessing knowledge does not automatically make a person weighty. You may be seen as knowledgeable or versatile, yet still not regarded as significant or influential. Knowledge in itself is information, but it is applied knowledge that produces results and commands respect. When knowledge is translated into action, innovation, solutions, and tangible outcomes, it becomes powerful. It is this application of knowledge that causes others to recognize a person as weighty.

3. Gifts

Natural gifts and talents, by themselves, do not always make a person weighty. What gives weight to a gift is its performance, recognition, celebration, and demand. A gift that is hidden or undeveloped does not command attention or influence. For a gift to carry weight, it must be displayed, refined, and consistently used. The more your gift is seen solving problems, inspiring others, or producing value, the more it is recognized and sought after. Demand for your gift is one of the clearest indicators that it is gaining weight and significance. Therefore,

continue to refine your gifts through training, practice, and personal development. Make your gifts visible and let people identify you with them. You do not need to constantly talk about your gifts; instead, allow your performance to speak for you. It is the gift you consistently display that becomes recognized and celebrated. When your gift is elevated and given a platform, it becomes visible to a wider audience and begins to attract the acknowledgment and opportunities that increase your weight in the eyes of men.

4. Small Success

Small or insignificant success does not usually elevate a person's standing in the eyes of men. When your achievements remain consistently minor, people may still regard you as being beneath certain levels of influence and authority. Therefore, you must trust God to help you achieve not only success, but good and notable success. There is a level in life where one must move beyond the mindset of settling for small results. You must develop a mental shift that whatever you set out to accomplish should be pursued with a vision for significant and meaningful impact. Great success has a way of elevating your personality, expanding your influence, and strengthening your authority. It is possible to achieve great success without compromising your integrity or engaging in wrongdoing. Big results are often the outcome of deliberate planning, informed decision-making, and consistent action. For example, when you desire certain milestones—such as owning a home, building a business, or acquiring valuable assets—you must engage in proper pricing, research, inquiry, and informed execution. In many cases, people have the capacity to achieve greater results but lack access to the necessary information. Privileged or

strategic information often determines how far a person can go. Therefore, you must be bold enough to ask questions, seek counsel, and pursue knowledge that will help you make better decisions. The importance of access to the right information cannot be overstated. Small success can cause people to belittle or sideline you, whereas consistent and substantial achievements command attention and respect. Let the level of success that comes out of your life align with the grace and opportunities that God has made available to you.

5. Your Eloquence

Eloquence—your ability to communicate clearly, persuasively, and wisely—can also influence how people weigh you. The way you speak, present ideas, and address people can elevate your standing in the eyes of others. Effective communication often enhances a person's influence and opens doors to greater opportunities. Your weight is not determined merely by how eloquently you speak, but also by the caliber of people who listen to you and take your words seriously. The level of attention and respect you command from discerning and accomplished individuals often reflects how your eloquence is perceived. While eloquence can elevate you, it must be guided by truth and integrity. Never allow your speech to be mixed with exaggeration or false claims. Do not proclaim yourself to be what you have not yet become. Avoid boasting about achievements you have not attained or possessions you do not have. Exaggeration may create temporary admiration, but it eventually erodes trust and credibility. Do not rely on self-praise or hype to gain attention. Instead, focus on developing substance, character, and real achievements that give your words weight. When your speech is aligned with truth, humility,

and proven results, your eloquence becomes a powerful tool that reinforces, rather than replaces, your genuine weightiness.

6. Your Education

Education can influence how people perceive you, but it operates on two different levels. When you earn advanced qualifications, such as a doctorate degree, your status and visibility before men may be elevated. Academic titles often command respect and recognition, especially in professional and intellectual circles. However, a time may come when a doctorate degree alone is no longer sufficient to sustain that elevation. If you do not continue to grow, develop, and produce tangible results, your academic achievements may lose their impact. In some cases, what was once celebrated can even become a source of criticism. People may begin to ask questions such as: “What have you accomplished since you attained your doctorate degree?” or “What impact has your professorship made beyond the classroom?” While academic publications and research are valuable, they are often confined to academic circles. Many people, however, look beyond scholarly contributions and desire to see visible, practical results in other areas of life. Education may make you weighty at the beginning, but it will not sustain your weight before men if it is not accompanied by tangible impact, influence, and productivity. This does not mean that pursuing qualifications and certifications is wrong. On the contrary, education is valuable and should be pursued with diligence. However, you must trust God to produce visible evidence in your life that reflects the value of your qualifications. Life is not only about climbing to the apex of the academic ladder; it is also about demonstrating tangible proof of relevance, influence, and productivity—whether through your

qualifications or through other areas connected to them. As a doctorate degree holder or professor, you should not live a life that invites pity or suggests lack. Rather, your life should reflect stability, influence, and a measure of ease that aligns with your level of knowledge and training. You cannot go everywhere announcing your academic titles. Instead, your life should speak through the impact you make, the problems you solve, and the influence you exert. Your scholarship should earn you relevance, honor, and admiration. Therefore, in all your pursuits, ensure that you also possess visible results that serve as yardsticks for evaluation both in the sight of men and in the sight of God.

7. Your Parents

Your parents may be influential, respected, or powerful, but their weightiness cannot automatically be transferred to you. While people may use your parents to measure you during your childhood or teenage years, this changes once you become an adult. As an adult, people no longer weigh you primarily by your family background but by your personal achievements, character, and results. The good name of your parents may open doors for you, but their influence cannot sustain you if you fail to build your own identity and accomplishments. You cannot be regarded as powerful simply because your parents were powerful, nor can you be considered influential solely because they were influential. People must see evidence of weight in your own life—through your wisdom, your works, your results, your possessions, your relationships, and your authority. In some cases, if you occupy a leadership position in your parents' organization or family business, people may show you respect because of their loyalty to your parents. However, in the broader field of life, your parents' weight

cannot be permanently imposed on you. Ultimately, it is what comes out of your own life that determines how you are weighed. If you come from a respected and influential family, do not become complacent or depend entirely on that legacy. You must take responsibility for your own life and strive to accomplish meaningful success. Many people must make a conscious mental adjustment, recognizing that their parents were honored because of what they achieved, not merely because of who they were. You do not inherit weightiness—you build it. Therefore, trust God to help you develop the attributes, results, and character that will make you truly influential, respected, and weighty in your own right.

8. Marriage

Marriage can influence how people perceive you, but it does not automatically make you weighty in every area of life. There are situations where a person gains visibility or respect because of the status, influence, or achievements of the person they are married to. For example, a woman may be regarded as honorable because she is married to a powerful and influential man, and the same can apply in reverse. Marriage alone cannot give you lasting weight in all spheres of life. There are environments and stages in life where people are less concerned about who you are married to and more interested in who you are as an individual. In such contexts, your personal accomplishments, competence, and results become the primary basis on which you are evaluated. If you are married to someone influential or successful, you must not become idle or complacent. You must remain purposeful, diligent, and committed to developing your own strengths and achievements. Marriage should not replace your personal growth, vision, or responsibility. On one hand,

some people may weigh you based on the worth and influence of your spouse. On the other hand, many will weigh you based on your own character, achievements, and contributions. This is why you need divine insight and personal clarity about what you are called to become and what you must accomplish in life. This insight is supplied by God and must guide your decisions, goals, and actions. You must be able to see within yourself the path that leads to a destination where you are recognized—not merely as someone’s spouse—but as a person of substance, impact, and weight in your own right.

Weighing Scales of Men

There are certain aspects of human evaluation that you must understand. These are tangible realities that people can see around your life, and they often use them to conclude whether a person is powerful and weighty. Among these, one of the most compelling is the manifestation of the supernatural in a person’s life.

The Manifestation of the Supernatural in Your Life

The manifestation of the supernatural has the power to redefine how people perceive you. When individuals observe clear evidence of divine activity in your life, their conclusions about you begin to change. They are compelled to regard you as weighty and influential. Human beings are naturally sensitive to the supernatural. When they witness the power, presence, and workings of God in a person’s life, they instinctively recognize that such a person carries spiritual authority and influence. The manifestations of the supernatural can appear in different forms, including the following:

a. The Outbreak of the Power of God in Your Life

This dimension is often evident in the lives of those who are devoted to God, especially ministers of the gospel. There are ministers who, even after a short period of prayer, begin to experience a tangible outbreak of God's power. When the power of God is released, it brings people under the influence of the Holy Spirit and creates a deep awareness of God's presence. The flow of divine power demonstrates that a person has cultivated a relationship with God that allows spiritual authority to be channeled toward others. This power can be expressed through words, conversations, spiritual gifts, ministry, and acts of service. Sometimes, individuals who may appear ordinary—perhaps uneducated, unexposed, or of modest social standing—become extraordinary when they step into the spiritual realm. When they begin to minister, pray, or speak under divine influence, the supernatural becomes evident in their lives. The human spirit is designed to recognize power, and people naturally respond when they encounter it. Access to this dimension is rooted in a consistent and disciplined prayer life. Prayer is not merely a ritual; it is a continual fellowship with the Lord. In the place of prayer, you make your requests known to God and remain attentive to receive His response. Often, God communicates through the thoughts impressed upon your heart while you wait in His presence. As the supernatural becomes evident in your life, your spiritual weight increases in the sight of men.

b. The Flow of the Prophetic

Another manifestation of the supernatural is the prophetic dimension. When a person begins to flow consistently in the prophetic, people often regard such a person as weighty

because the prophetic communicates the mind of God and reveals insights about present and future events. The prophetic is expressed through inspired speech, spiritual perception, and divine revelation. It is cultivated through consistency in prayer, obedience to the Holy Spirit, and a life of consecration. As a believer remains faithful in prayer, the glory of God begins to rest upon that person in a more permanent and noticeable way. This consistency in prayer sharpens spiritual sensitivity and increases awareness in the realm of the Spirit. A prayerful believer often becomes prophetic in perception—able to discern patterns, receive divine warnings, and speak words that align with God’s will. The prophetic dimension may also manifest through dreams, visions, and the ability to interpret complex situations accurately. This was evident in the life of Daniel, whose God-given interpretations made him invaluable in the courts of kings. When you become a person who can bring clarity, direction, and accurate interpretation to confusing situations, people begin to see you as a solution provider by supernatural means—and this increases your weight in their eyes. To grow in this dimension, you must create time for daily prayer and remain sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. When you are prompted to fast, yield in obedience. Spirit-led fasting strengthens the inner man and releases spiritual power that supports prophetic sensitivity.

c. The Manifestation of Ease around Your Life

Another sign of the supernatural at work is the manifestation of unusual ease in your life. When people observe that tasks considered difficult by others become easier for you to accomplish, they begin to discern a divine advantage at work. This does not mean you will never encounter challenges. Rather, it means

that even when you face difficulties, there is a grace that enables you to overcome them with less struggle than expected. You may exert effort, but the results often come without prolonged frustration or stagnation. This is what is often referred to as supernatural ease. Supernatural ease is evident when:

- you handle heavy responsibilities without constant complaint,
- obstacles that stop others do not permanently stop you, and
- help appears for you at critical moments, even from unexpected sources.

At times, people may refuse to help you, yet assistance still comes your way through individuals you never anticipated. God touches the hearts of people—even strangers—to support His purposes in your life. This pattern creates a strong impression on observers that there is a divine hand guiding your journey. When supernatural ease is evident, people begin to believe that your future is secure and bright. They perceive that you carry a unique grace that makes you difficult to hinder or suppress. This grace does not eliminate effort, but it removes excessive strain and ensures that your labor produces results. Supernatural ease leads to consistent accomplishments, accelerated progress, and a sense that your life is being guided by forces beyond natural ability. Over time, this becomes a powerful testimony that compels others to acknowledge that there is something distinct and extraordinary about you. The manifestation of the supernatural in your life—through divine power, prophetic sensitivity, and unusual ease—serves as a strong weighing scale in the eyes of men. It signals that your life is not governed solely by natural laws but is influenced by the hand of God. When these

dimensions become consistent and visible, people are naturally drawn to respect, listen to, and value your presence.

A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF WEIGHTY WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE

Understanding Weighty Women in Scripture

There are several weighty individuals in Scripture who were women. These women were powerful, influential, and highly respected in their time, and their names continue to receive honor and recognition even in the present day. Their lives serve as examples of spiritual depth, leadership, courage, and divine purpose. Among these women are Deborah and others whose stories demonstrate that weightiness before God and men is not limited by gender.

1. Deborah

a. Deborah: The Nurse

The name Deborah appears more than once in Scripture and is not limited to a single individual. The first Deborah mentioned in the Bible is found in Genesis 35:8, which states “Now Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree.” This Deborah served as Rebekah’s nurse. Rebekah was the wife of Isaac and the mother of Esau and

Jacob. Although little is recorded about this Deborah's personal achievements, her inclusion in Scripture shows that she was valued and remembered within the household of the patriarchs.

b. Deborah: The Wife of Lapidoth

Another and more prominent Deborah appears in the book of Judges. This Deborah was the wife of Lapidoth and rose to national prominence in Israel. Judges 4:4 records, "Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time." This Scripture passage reveals several important dimensions of her life. Deborah was:

- a prophetess, indicating a strong spiritual connection with God,
- a wife, demonstrating her role within the family structure, and
- a judge, showing her leadership and authority over the nation.

Deborah's life clearly demonstrates that a woman can simultaneously maintain her family responsibilities and function effectively in national leadership. She communicated the mind of God to the people while also administering justice and governance in the land.

c. Deborah: A Woman of Many Expressions of Greatness

Judges 4:5 further describes her leadership: "***And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah... and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.***" This shows that people from different tribes and communities sought her wisdom and judgment. She resolved disputes, provided direction, and served as a national authority. Deborah's life illustrates that a woman can function

both in spiritual ministry and in administrative leadership without diminishing either role. Women must be careful not to limit themselves by focusing on only one dimension of their potential. Just as Deborah operated in both prophetic and governmental capacities, modern women can also develop their spiritual gifts while pursuing excellence in leadership, governance, and professional fields. Rising into leadership often requires deliberate preparation. This may include acquiring education, professional certifications, leadership training, and practical experience. Advancement rarely happens by chance; it requires intentional growth and readiness to meet new responsibilities.

d. Deborah: A Mother in Israel

Deborah herself described her role in Judges 5:7: ***“Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel.”*** The title ***“mother in Israel”*** was not merely honorary—it reflected her nurturing, protective, and guiding influence over the entire nation. She provided stability during a time of national crisis and helped restore order and confidence among the people. Her leadership was not based solely on authority, but also on care, wisdom, and responsibility. She was both a national leader and a spiritual mother, guiding Israel through a difficult period of its history.

Lessons from Deborah for Women Today

Deborah’s life sends a powerful message: being a woman is not a limitation but an opportunity to express the fullness of God’s purpose. She was:

- a devoted wife,

- a prophetess who heard from God,
- a judge who administered justice, and
- a national figure who inspired courage and unity.

Her story proves that weightiness is not restricted to men. Women can also become weighty before God and men through obedience, wisdom, courage, and diligence.

Every woman has a responsibility to discover the spiritual gifts and natural abilities placed within her. Some may be called to prophetic ministry, others to leadership, creativity, service, or generosity. Whatever grace is upon your life, it must be developed and expressed. Women should also be convinced that they can rise into positions of leadership in society. There is no divine law that prohibits a woman from becoming a president, governor, executive leader, or influential figure in any sphere of life. What is required is preparation, discipline, competence, and faithfulness to God's direction. Deborah's life shows that it is possible to maintain balance across different areas of life. She remained a wife while leading a nation and did so with dignity and honor. Scripture does not record any failure in her domestic life, which suggests that she managed her roles with wisdom and maturity.

Becoming a Weighty Woman

It is possible for both God and men to weigh a person and determine whether that individual carries substance or emptiness. Women, just like men, will be evaluated by their character, works, influence, and obedience to God. Strive to become a woman who is weighty in spirit, in wisdom, in influence, and in impact. Identify what you must do, what you must learn, and what kind of person you must become in order to fulfill your

divine purpose. Deborah stands as a lasting example of a woman who lived a life of substance, courage, and divine alignment. Her story encourages every woman to rise beyond limitations, develop her gifts, and pursue a life that will be respected both by God and by humanity.

2. Sarah

Practical Lessons from the Life of Sarah

Sarah is presented in Scripture as a woman of great significance and weight. There are many valuable lessons to be learned from her life, both in her relationship with God and in her role within her family. She was the wife of Abraham and a central figure in the unfolding of God's covenant promises. In Genesis 17:15–17, God spoke to Abraham concerning his wife: ***“As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”*** These Scriptural verses reveal the promises God made specifically to Sarah. She was chosen to become the mother of nations, and through her lineage, kings would arise. This shows that Sarah was not merely the wife of Abraham but also a direct participant in God's covenant plan. Genesis 17:18–19, 21 further emphasizes this truth: ***“No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac... But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.”*** Sarah was therefore the divinely chosen vessel through whom the promised child would come. She gave birth to Isaac, the child through whom God's covenant with Abraham was to continue.

Sarah: A Portrait of a Submissive Wife

Despite the great promises and influence Sarah possessed, Scripture portrays her as a woman who respected and honored her husband. 1 Peter 3:6 says, “As Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord...” This statement highlights her attitude of respect toward Abraham. Even though she carried immense prophetic significance and influence within the household, she did not become proud or arrogant. Instead, she maintained a posture of honor and submission toward her husband. This offers an important lesson for women today: achievement, influence, or personal greatness should not lead to dishonor within the marriage relationship. Respect, humility, and co-operation remain essential virtues in a godly home. Sarah’s example shows that a woman can be both influential and respectful, both significant in destiny and humble in conduct. Her life demonstrates that honor within marriage is not a sign of weakness but a mark of wisdom and spiritual maturity.

Sarah’s Household Influence and Prosperity

Sarah lived in a household marked by great wealth, influence, and organizational structure. In Genesis 14:14, Scripture records that Abraham had three hundred and eighteen trained servants born in his household. Such a large and organized household would have required effective management, oversight, and coordination. As Abraham’s wife, Sarah would have played a significant role in overseeing domestic affairs and contributing to the stability and order of the household. This suggests that she functioned not only as a wife but also as a woman with managerial and leadership responsibilities within a large and prosperous family structure. Her life demonstrates that a woman can be weighty within her home through wisdom, influence, and active participation in the affairs of the household.

3. Esther

Esther: A Woman Who Rose from Obscurity to Influence

Esther is another powerful example of a weighty woman in Scripture. She began life with a humble and disadvantaged background but was later elevated to become queen in the Persian Empire. She replaced Queen Vashti and became the wife of a powerful king, King Ahasuerus. Despite her initial obscurity, Esther's life took a dramatic turn when she was chosen to become queen. Her elevation placed her in a strategic position at a critical time in the history of the Jewish people.

Esther: Deliverer of Her People

Esther's significance became most evident during the crisis caused by Haman's plot. Haman devised a plan to destroy Mordecai and annihilate all the Jews throughout the kingdom. However, through courage, wisdom, and divine favor, Esther intervened. At great personal risk, she approached the king to expose Haman's scheme and plead for the safety of her people. Through her actions, the plot was overturned, Haman was defeated, and the Jewish people were preserved. In this way, God used Esther as an instrument of deliverance not only for Mordecai but for an entire nation. Her story demonstrates that weightiness is not determined by one's background but by one's obedience, courage, and readiness to act when destiny demands it.

Lessons from the Life of Esther

Esther's life teaches several powerful lessons:

- A person's background does not limit God's ability to elevate them.

- Strategic positioning often precedes divine assignments.
- Courage and wisdom are essential when standing for righteousness.
- God can use one individual to preserve an entire people group.

Esther was a queen, a wife, and a national deliverer. Her influence extended beyond the palace into the destiny of a nation. This makes her one of the clearest examples of a weighty woman in Scripture.

A Call to Modern Women

The lives of Sarah and Esther show that women can carry immense spiritual, social, and historical significance. Their stories demonstrate that God raises women to positions of influence, entrusts them with critical responsibilities, and uses them to fulfill major aspects of His divine plan. Therefore, women today should not see themselves as limited by gender or background. It is possible to become a woman of substance and impact in your family, community, nation, and generation. By cultivating character, wisdom, courage, and faith in God, any woman can grow into a life that is respected and remembered—just as Sarah and Esther are remembered today.

4. Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ

Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, stands as one of the most significant and honored women in Scripture. She was specifically chosen by God to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ, a privilege and responsibility that reflects extraordinary divine favor and trust. According to the Gospel account, an angel was sent from heaven to deliver the message of Jesus' birth directly

to her. This divine encounter showed that Mary was uniquely selected for a sacred purpose. Among many women who lived in her generation, she was the one chosen to carry and bring forth the Savior of the world. This clearly reveals that she was highly favored among women. At times, the weight of a woman is revealed through the children she raises and the destiny she helps bring into the world. In Mary's case, she gave birth to the Son of God, the Redeemer of humanity. This alone marks her as a woman of great spiritual significance. Mary was also a woman of purity and moral integrity. She kept herself chaste before marriage, and her upright character positioned her to be entrusted with such a divine assignment. Scripture consistently shows that God entrusts sacred responsibilities to those who live in holiness and obedience.

Mary's Faith and Support for Jesus Ministry

Mary did not only give birth to Jesus; she also believed in His divine mission. Many parents struggle to accept or understand the calling placed upon their children, but Mary demonstrated faith and humility by supporting the ministry of her Son. She followed His ministry, stood by Him during critical moments, and remained committed even when His mission brought controversy and misunderstanding. Her continued presence among His followers shows that she was not only His mother but also a believer in His divine purpose. The book of Acts records that Mary was among the disciples who gathered in prayer after Jesus' ascension. She was present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the early church. This shows that she remained spiritually active and committed to the work of God even after fulfilling her maternal role. Mary's life demonstrates that a woman's weight is not only

revealed in what she gives birth to but also in how she nurtures, supports, and remains faithful to God's unfolding purpose.

5. Certain Women in the Bible

In addition to prominent figures such as Sarah, Deborah, Esther, and Mary, Scripture also records a group of women who played vital and weighty roles in supporting the ministry of Jesus Christ. Luke 8:2–3 records: ***“And certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.”*** These women had previously experienced healing and deliverance through Jesus’ ministry. In gratitude and devotion, they became active supporters of His work. They used their personal resources to finance and sustain His ministry during His earthly mission.

Women Who Supported the Ministry of Jesus

This Scriptural passage highlights the importance of generosity and partnership in God’s work. Although Jesus possessed divine power and could have met His needs supernaturally, He allowed these women to participate in His ministry through their giving. Their support was not rejected; rather, it was received and honored. These women demonstrated intentional generosity. They were deliberate in their decision to invest in a ministry that was transforming lives. Their actions reveal that financial and material support for divine work is itself a mark of spiritual weight and maturity. Supporting a worthy cause, especially one aligned with God’s purposes, requires discernment, sacrifice, and a heart of compassion. Their willingness to give from their substance elevated their significance and secured their place in

the biblical record.

The Weight of Generosity

Generosity is one of the qualities that increases a person's weight in the eyes of both God and men. When individuals use their resources to uplift others and advance righteous causes, they demonstrate influence, compassion, and responsibility. The women mentioned in Luke's Gospel were not apostles or public preachers, yet their contribution was indispensable. Their giving sustained the daily operations of Jesus' ministry and enabled His mission to continue unhindered. Their example teaches that weightiness is not only expressed through leadership or public ministry; it can also be expressed through faithful support, financial partnership, and consistent service.

A Closing Reflection

Mary and the women who supported Jesus' ministry show that God values women who are pure in heart, faithful in calling, and generous in spirit. Their lives remind us that divine assignments come in different forms—some are called to lead publicly, while others are called to support quietly but powerfully. In every case, God sees, honors, and records the contributions of women who align themselves with His purpose. Their stories continue to inspire generations, proving that women can be weighty before God and men through obedience, faith, sacrifice, and generosity.

FROM WEIGHTLESSNESS TO BECOMING A WEIGHTY PERSONALITY

Examples of Weightless People Who Became Weighty in Scripture

There are several examples in Scripture of individuals who were once considered weightless but later became weighty. Some men were neither powerful, important, nor influential at the beginning of their lives, yet they rose to prominence and significance in God's plan. A few of these individuals include the following:

1. Mordecai

The Dignity of Human Labor through Honest Work

Esther 2:21 says, "In those days, while Mordecai sat within the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, doorkeepers, became furious and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus." Mordecai served at the king's gate as a security officer. A gateman is often viewed as an ordinary or insignificant

person in society. However, a gateman who is diligent and committed to his duty is far more honorable than a thief, a robber, an abductor, or a lazy person who refuses to work. There is dignity in human labor when one engages in honest work. Though society may rank certain jobs as lowly, God does not despise faithful service. Nevertheless, in social terms, a gateman is often seen as occupying a low position. Yet God is the lifter of men. He can elevate anyone from obscurity to prominence. The life of Mordecai models a man who was lifted by God. Mordecai distinguished himself through his stand for righteousness. When some of the king's servants conspired to assassinate the king, Mordecai discovered their plot and reported it to Queen Esther. Esther informed the king, and an investigation was carried out. The inquiry confirmed the conspiracy, and the perpetrators were executed.

The Remembrance of Mordecai's Good Deeds

Esther 6:1–3 records: ***“That night the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring the book of the records of the chronicles... And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh... who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. Then the king said, ‘What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?’”*** Mordecai's good deed had been recorded in the royal chronicles, yet he had not been rewarded for it. For a time, his act of loyalty was forgotten. However, the day of remembrance eventually came. Ironically, Haman—the very man who intended to destroy Mordecai—was asked by the king to suggest how a man whom the king delighted to honor should be rewarded. In a divine turn of events, Haman himself was compelled to lead Mordecai in a public procession of honor according to the king's command.

God: The Lifter of Men

Esther 9:3–4 says, “And all the officials of the provinces... helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai was great in the king’s palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.” An ordinary person can be lifted by God. It does not matter your present status, your limitations, or what you lack today. If God has set His eyes upon you, you must be prepared, because your lifting will surely come. Mordecai began his life in Persia as a gateman, but he did not end his life in that position. He rose in prominence among the people and became second only to the king in a foreign land. Esther 10:3 states, “For Mordecai the Jew was second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren...” God lifted Mordecai from the gate to the palace, from obscurity to authority, and from insignificance to influence. The same God is still able to lift people today. You may be considered ordinary at present, but you must be ready for a change of status. In due season, you will become a person of authority and a personality to be reckoned with in society.

2. David

Understanding Rulership through the Life of David

1 Samuel 16:11 states, “And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all the young men here?’ Then he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.’” David was referred to as the youngest by his father. While his older brothers were presented before Samuel, David was left in the field, tending sheep. Jesse did not consider him a likely candidate for kingship, and therefore neglected to present him initially. Yet God had chosen David. This shows

that even when men overlook you, God's choice still stands. You may be the youngest or considered the least important, but if God's eyes are upon you, you can be confident that you will be lifted. God's choice will always rise to prominence in due time.

David's Gradual Rise to the Throne

2 Samuel 2:4 says, "Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah." David's reign began with his own tribe. He did not become king over all Israel immediately. Instead, he first ruled over Judah, and only later was recognized by the entire nation. 2 Samuel 3:1 declares, "...But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker." This passage reveals that David's influence and strength increased progressively. His rise was not sudden but gradual and steady. 2 Samuel 5:3-5 further records, "Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron... And they anointed David king over Israel... In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months." Before ruling over all Israel, David reigned over Judah for seven and a half years. His journey to full rulership demonstrates that God often elevates His chosen servants in stages.

The God of David

Isaiah 38:5 states, "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears...'" In this passage, God identified Himself as the God of David. This indicates the depth of covenant relationship between God and David. Throughout Scripture, God is described as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Likewise, He is called the God of David. This shows that certain individuals walked so closely with God that their names became permanently associated with His covenant dealings with humanity. There are

men whose walk with God is so remarkable that God introduces Himself to others by attaching their names to His own. This was the level David attained in his relationship with God.

The Sure Mercies of David

Isaiah 55:3 says, "...I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David." The sure mercies of David refer to a covenant of mercy that God established with him. This covenant did not end with David's lifetime; it extended beyond him to future generations. David rose to such a height in God that mercy became permanently attached to his name. His life demonstrates that a man can walk with God to the point where divine mercy speaks on his behalf even after his death.

The Multi-Dimensional Expression of God's Work in David's Life

David's life reveals multiple dimensions of divine operation. Jeremiah 30:9 says, "But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them." It was God who raised David to a position where men would serve under his leadership. David became mighty, weighty, and powerful because God Himself established him. Hosea 3:5 declares, "Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king..." David rose to a level where people sought him as a leader. This passage also prophetically points to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would come from the lineage of David. Jeremiah 33:17 says, "For thus says the Lord: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel.'" This was part of God's covenant with David—that his lineage would continue to rule. Ezekiel 37:24–25 states, "David My servant shall be king over them... and My servant David shall be their prince forever." These prophetic declarations show the enduring nature of God's covenant with David and point forward

to the eternal reign of Christ, the Son of David.

David: A Man of Diverse Gifts and Expressions

Amos 6:5 says, “Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David.” David was not only a king and warrior; he was also a musician and a creative innovator. His life reveals a man with multiple expressions of grace—leadership, warfare, worship, and creativity.

A Man after God’s Own Heart

Acts 13:22 records, “...He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’” David was identified as a man after God’s own heart because of his sincerity, devotion, and willingness to align with God’s will. He was strengthened by God to rule not only over Israel but also over surrounding nations. David became a weighty man in his lifetime, a king of extraordinary influence and legacy. Apart from his son Solomon, no other king in Israel matched the weight of David’s impact. God is still raising people today to become weighty in their generation, just as David was in his. These individuals will not merely occupy positions temporarily; they will establish enduring legacies. May you become all that God has destined you to become on earth.

3. Samuel

Samuel Grew in Influence

Samuel was once weightless but later became weighty. The name Samuel means “God has answered.” As a child, Samuel was dedicated to the Lord and taken by his mother to serve under Eli at a tender age. 1 Samuel 2:26 says, “And the child Samuel

grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men.” Samuel grew not only in physical stature but also in influence. Within the context of this Scripture, stature also refers to increasing authority, respect, and recognition. Samuel’s life teaches that growth in influence is both possible and desirable. You should desire to grow in influence just as Samuel did. He also increased in favor with both God and men. 1 Samuel 3:1 reads, “Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.” At this stage, Samuel was still a boy, yet he was already aligned with the service of God, even in a time when divine revelation was scarce.

From Spiritual Ignorance to Spiritual Sensitivity

1 Samuel 3:7 states, “Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.” There was a time in Samuel’s life when he had no practical knowledge of God. Encounters with God were unfamiliar to him. However, Samuel did not remain at that level. He grew into a deeper knowledge of God and became sensitive to divine communication. 1 Samuel 3:19–21 says, “So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground... And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.” At this stage of his life, God confirmed Samuel’s words and ensured that everything he spoke came to pass. Samuel grew to become a national prophet in Israel—a recognized voice whose words carried divine authority.

Samuel’s Emergence as a National Leader

1 Samuel 4:1 declares, “And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.” Samuel transitioned from being a boy in the temple to becoming a national voice. His influence spread throughout the entire nation, and he became a leader whose words were

eagerly heard by all. In any field of endeavor—whether ministry, business, or the arts—your work should grow to the point where it reaches beyond your immediate environment and begins to influence a wider audience.

Samuel's Supernatural Authority

Samuel's life also reveals extraordinary supernatural capacity. 1 Samuel 7:9–10 says, "...But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel." Samuel prayed, and God responded with thunder that brought confusion to Israel's enemies. This demonstrates the power of intercessory prayer and the authority Samuel carried before God. 1 Samuel 12:18–19 records, "So Samuel called to the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel." Samuel's prayers brought visible manifestations of God's power, causing the people to revere both God and His servant. These supernatural manifestations increased Samuel's weight and influence in the nation.

Samuel's Leadership Secured National Stability

1 Samuel 7:13 says, "So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel." As long as Samuel lived, Israel experienced relative stability and protection. His presence and leadership brought national security, showing how a single weighty individual can influence the destiny of an entire nation.

Samuel the Kingmaker

Samuel also played a crucial role in establishing Israel's monarchy. 1 Samuel 10:1 says, "Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him..." Samuel anointed Saul as Israel's first king. 1 Samuel 16:13 records,

“Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.” Samuel also anointed David, who would become one of Israel’s greatest kings. In this sense, Samuel was a kingmaker—one who, under divine direction, installed rulers over the nation.

Samuel: Prophet, Judge, and Teacher

1 Samuel 7:15 states, “And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.” Samuel served as the last judge of Israel before the establishment of the monarchy. He attempted to establish his sons as judges after him, but the people rejected them due to their misconduct. Nevertheless, Samuel himself remained a respected and righteous leader. Samuel was also a teacher. 1 Samuel 10:25 says, “Then Samuel explained to the people the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord.” He instructed the people in matters of governance and established constitutional principles for the monarchy. This reveals another dimension of Samuel’s ministry—his capacity to impart knowledge and guide the nation in righteous order.

Samuel’s Spiritual Authority and Prophetic Covering

1 Samuel 19:18–24 records an extraordinary incident in which Saul sent messengers to arrest David. When they entered the prophetic atmosphere where Samuel and the prophets were, they themselves began to prophesy. Even Saul, when he arrived, was overwhelmed by the Spirit and prophesied. This event demonstrates the powerful spiritual environment that surrounded Samuel. His presence created an atmosphere where the Spirit of God dominated. It also illustrates the concept of spiritual covering—David remained safe because he was under Samuel’s prophetic oversight.

Samuel’s Influence beyond Death

1 Samuel 28:16–19 recounts how, after Samuel’s death, Saul sought him through a medium. Even in that unusual encounter, Samuel delivered a prophetic message concerning Saul’s impending defeat and death. This episode underscores the enduring weight of Samuel’s prophetic authority and the impact of his life and ministry.

The Legacy of a Weighty Life

Samuel’s life reveals how God takes a person from one level of development to another, transforming a child dedicated in the temple into a prophet, judge, teacher, kingmaker, and national leader. His story demonstrates that weightiness is a product of growth, obedience, and sustained fellowship with God. May your life also experience such progressive growth, moving from obscurity to influence, from limitation to divine manifestation, until you become all that God has destined you to become.

4. Elisha

Elisha: A Man of Unusual Insight

1 Kings 19:15–17 records God’s instruction to Elijah: ***“Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.”*** Elisha was divinely chosen as the successor to Elijah. His prophetic ministry began when Elijah acted in obedience to God’s command. 1 Kings 19:19 says, “So he departed from there... Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.” This symbolic act marked the beginning of Elisha’s prophetic calling. From that moment, Elisha became a devoted follower of Elijah, leaving behind his former occupation to pursue the prophetic assignment.

A Spiritual Father–Son Relationship

2 Kings 2:2, 5, and 12 reveal the depth of Elisha’s commitment

to Elijah. While the sons of the prophets referred to Elijah as their master, Elisha related to him as a father, crying out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” This father–son relationship granted Elisha access to carry the spirit and grace that rested upon Elijah. When Elijah was taken up, the sons of the prophets acknowledged, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” The transfer of spiritual authority was made possible through honor, loyalty, and spiritual alignment.

From an Ordinary Man to a Weighty Prophet

1 Kings 19:19 describes Elisha before his prophetic call: “... *Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him...*” At that time, Elisha was engaged in his father’s agricultural business. In social terms, he was an ordinary man, without public influence or prophetic recognition. However, his encounter with Elijah transformed his life and repositioned him into prophetic prominence. Elisha’s story demonstrates that a person who appears weightless in one season can become weighty through divine calling and faithful alignment with God’s purpose.

The Continuity of Grace from Elijah to Elisha

The last miracle performed by Elijah became the first miracle performed by Elisha. This reveals an important spiritual principle: where a spiritual father stops can become the starting point for a spiritual son. True spiritual connection should result in growth, continuity, and greater manifestation of grace. Elisha went on to perform numerous miracles, demonstrating both prophetic and apostolic authority. Among his notable acts were:

- Healing the waters of Jericho (2 Kings 2:19–22)
- Prophesying the birth of a child to a barren woman (2 Kings 4:14–17)

- Raising the Shunammite's son from the dead (2 Kings 4:32–35)
- Healing Naaman of leprosy (2 Kings 5:1–14)
- Causing a floating axe head to rise from the water (2 Kings 6:1–7)
- Feeding a hundred men with a small amount of food (2 Kings 4:42–44)
- Revealing the secret military plans of the king of Syria (2 Kings 6:8–12)

Elisha operated in remarkable prophetic insight, often knowing events and conversations that occurred far away from him. This level of spiritual perception made him a man of extraordinary influence and authority.

A Prophet Honored by Kings

Elisha was not only respected by ordinary people but also honored by kings. In 2 Kings 6:21, the king of Israel addressed him as “my father.” This demonstrates the level of reverence and authority Elisha commanded in the nation. His prophetic office placed him above political leaders in spiritual influence.

Insight into the Difference between the Four Lepers and Naaman

2 Kings 7:3–16 describes four leprous men who sat at the entrance of the city gate during a severe famine. In contrast, 2 Kings 5:1 introduces Naaman, a commander in the Syrian army who, though powerful, suffered from leprosy. Naaman, a foreigner, traveled to Israel seeking healing from Elisha. Meanwhile, the four lepers, who were within the same nation and could have sought the prophet's help, remained at the gate and did not initially benefit from the grace available in their land. This contrast highlights a spiritual principle: **strangers**

often value the anointing more than those who are familiar with it. Naaman recognized the power of God upon Elisha and pursued it with determination, while others closer to the prophet took his presence for granted.

The Value of Honoring the Anointed

Naaman approached Elisha with expectation and respect, eventually obeying the prophet's instruction to wash in the Jordan River. His obedience led to his healing. This demonstrates that the anointing flows in the direction of honor. Those who value and respect the grace of God upon a person are more likely to benefit from it. Familiarity, on the other hand, can limit the impact of the anointing. Those who are constantly around a man of God may begin to treat sacred things as common, thereby missing opportunities for transformation.

The Tragedy of Gehazi

Gehazi, Elisha's servant, provides a sobering contrast. Though he lived closely with a powerful prophet and witnessed numerous miracles, he allowed greed to corrupt his heart. After secretly collecting gifts from Naaman against Elisha's instruction, Gehazi was struck with Naaman's leprosy (2 Kings 5:27). Gehazi's life illustrates how proximity to grace does not guarantee transformation. Without integrity, honor, and self-control, a person can lose his place in destiny. Greed and uncontrolled desires can strip a person of relevance, influence, and spiritual inheritance.

The Legacy of Elisha

Elisha's life demonstrates how divine calling, spiritual alignment, honor for leadership, and consistent faithfulness can elevate an ordinary individual into a weighty spiritual authority. He became a prophet of unusual insight, a counselor to kings,

a performer of miracles, and a guardian of Israel's spiritual destiny. His story challenges every believer to pursue depth in spiritual relationships, to value the grace of God, and to avoid the traps of familiarity and greed. Through such a life, one can move from obscurity into lasting influence and divine significance.

5. Gideon

Walking by the Revelation of Who God Says You Are

Gideon was a judge and deliverer in Israel. God used him to rescue the Israelites from the oppression of the Midianites, who had greatly afflicted the land and reduced the people to poverty and fear. Judges 6:1–7, 12–16 records, “...And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, ‘The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!’ ... So he said to Him, ‘O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.’” Although Gideon saw himself as insignificant, God addressed him according to his divine potential, not his present condition. This reveals a powerful spiritual truth: God relates to us based on who He has ordained us to become, not merely on who we currently are.

God Uses the Least to Display His Glory

The Midianites oppressed Israel severely, yet God chose Gideon as the instrument of deliverance. Gideon came from what he described as the weakest clan in Manasseh, and he considered himself the least in his family. God's decision to use such a person demonstrates His sovereignty and supremacy. He often chooses unlikely individuals so that His power, not human strength, receives the glory. Despite his humble background, Gideon obeyed God's instruction and began by destroying the altar of Baal that his father had built. This act of obedience

showed courage and loyalty to God, even in the face of opposition from his own household and community.

Victory through Divine Strategy

Gideon later went to battle against the Midianites with only three hundred men. Humanly speaking, this number was insignificant compared to the vast army of their enemies. Yet God intentionally reduced Gideon's army so that Israel would not boast in its own strength. Judges 7 records that Gideon's army carried trumpets, empty pitchers, and torches. Their victory was not achieved through conventional weapons but through divine strategy and supernatural intervention. God caused confusion in the enemy camp, leading them to turn their swords against one another. This victory demonstrates that when God is involved in a battle, unconventional methods can produce extraordinary results. The outcome of Gideon's story proves that success is not determined by numbers, status, or human strength, but by obedience to divine instruction.

From the Least to a National Leader

Gideon, who once described himself as the least in his father's house, eventually became a respected leader in Israel. After the victory over the Midianites, the people of Israel requested that he rule over them, saying, "Rule over us, both you and your son, and your grandson also; for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian" (Judges 8:22). Although Gideon declined to establish a hereditary monarchy, his influence and leadership were widely acknowledged. His story shows how God can elevate a person from obscurity to national prominence.

A Lesson for Every Believer

Gideon's life teaches us to walk by the revelation of who God says we are, rather than by our personal insecurities or social limitations. Your family background may seem insignificant, and you may consider yourself unqualified, but God specializes in transforming the weak into the strong and the overlooked into leaders. When God sets His eyes and His hand upon a person, that individual will accomplish extraordinary exploits. The one who was once weightless can become weighty through divine empowerment.

A Call to Learn from Biblical Examples

You are encouraged to learn from the lives of Gideon, Samuel, Elisha, David, and Mordecai. Each of these individuals began in obscurity or weakness but rose to prominence through God's intervention and their obedience to His will. God has a definite plan for your life, and His purposes will surely come to pass as you align yourself with Him. By studying and applying the lessons from these biblical personalities, your own journey from weightlessness to weightiness can become a testimony of God's power. 2 Corinthians 3:2 says, "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men." Your life is meant to be a living testimony—a letter that people can read, revealing the transforming power of God. Therefore, walk closely with God, grow in your calling, and allow Him to perfect you. Let your life become visible evidence that God is still able to change the status of men and raise ordinary people into positions of influence and significance.

EXAMPLES OF MEN WHO BECAME WEIGHTY THROUGH ASSOCIATION AND CONNECTIVITY

A Humble Submission

To clearly understand the concept of becoming weighty through association and connectivity, you must be able to answer certain critical questions:

- Who is your mentor?
- Who is your spiritual father?
- Who is your leader?
- Whom do you follow?
- Whose voice do you consistently listen to?
- Who are you closely connected to?
- Whose footsteps are you following?
- In whose light do you see yourself?

If you cannot answer these questions clearly and honestly, then you have not yet fully grasped what it means to become weighty

through association and connectivity. Throughout Scripture, there are individuals who rose to positions of influence and significance primarily because of the people to whom they were connected.

1. Lot

The Relationship between Lot and Abraham

Genesis 11:27 states, “This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.” Lot was the son of Haran and the nephew of Abraham. Through his relationship with Abraham, Lot became a wealthy and influential man. He followed Abraham to the land that the Lord promised to show him and prospered as a result of that association. Lot’s proximity to Abraham exposed him to Abraham’s lifestyle, faith, and trade. Through this connection, he learned, grew, and eventually established himself materially. However, his major mistake was that he related to Abraham only on a natural, family level and failed to recognize the spiritual dimension of their relationship. This lack of understanding affected what he could have ultimately become.

The Consequences of Separation

Genesis 13:7–13 records the conflict that arose between the herdsmen of Abraham and those of Lot. To prevent further strife, Abraham suggested that they separate, offering Lot the first choice of land. Lot chose the well-watered plains of Jordan, which appeared greener and more prosperous. This region later became known as Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot’s decision was based on natural sight rather than spiritual insight. He enjoyed prosperity because of his association with Abraham, yet he developed what may be described as an “arrival mentality”—believing he could thrive independently without

maintaining that connection. This silent competition and self-confidence led him to separate from the very source of his covering and blessing. Abraham, on the other hand, understood the covenant he had with God—that those who blessed him would be blessed and those who opposed him would be opposed by God. Lot lacked this spiritual understanding. In separating from Abraham, he unknowingly separated himself from a divinely established covering.

The Power of Divine Connectivity

There is great power in godly association and connectivity. Many people experience blessings, protection, and elevation because of the individuals to whom they are connected. In times of conflict and adversity, it is often these connections that rise to defend and support them. If Lot had maintained his association with Abraham, he might have avoided many of the calamities that later befell him, including captivity during regional warfare and the eventual destruction of Sodom.

A Godly Perspective on Separation

Genesis 13:14–15 says, “And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: ‘Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are... for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.’” This Scriptural passage also teaches another important principle: ***sometimes God allows certain separations in order to reposition His people for greater vision and greater inheritance.*** After Lot separated from Abraham, God spoke to Abraham again and expanded his vision. Therefore, when certain relationships end, it is important not to be overwhelmed with sorrow. In some cases, God may be removing distractions or obstacles to help you step into a broader and clearer vision for your life.

The Blessings and Responsibilities of Association

The principle of association and connectivity brings specific blessings into a person's life. When you begin to experience these blessings, it is essential to cultivate humility, meekness, and gratitude. You must avoid strife, competition, and pride toward those who have served as instruments of your elevation. Lot might have preserved his destiny had he consistently acknowledged that his wealth and status were the result of his connection with Abraham. Such humility could have prevented his eventual downfall. In many ways, Abraham himself was the greatest gift God gave to Lot. Everything that flowed into Lot's life came through that relationship. When Lot separated from Abraham, he effectively separated himself from the channel through which many of his blessings were flowing.

Understanding the Principle of Followership

There is a powerful contrast between Lot's relationship with Abraham and Elisha's relationship with Elijah. While Lot agreed to separate from Abraham, Elisha refused to leave Elijah, even when given multiple opportunities to do so. Elisha declared, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you" (2 Kings 2:2). He saw himself not merely as an apprentice but as a son. This contrast highlights the importance of discernment in relationships. When God connects you to someone for your growth and destiny, you must value and preserve that connection with wisdom and humility.

Sustaining Covenant Relationships

In John 6:68–69, when many disciples turned away from Jesus, He asked the twelve if they also wished to leave. Simon Peter responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." This response demonstrated loyalty, humility, and spiritual understanding. Once God reveals to you that certain relationships are divinely ordained, you must guard

them carefully. Humility is often the key to sustaining covenant relationships. Pride, offense, competition, and ingratitude can destroy relationships that were meant to shape and secure your destiny.

A Final Reflection on Lot's Story

Lot indeed became weighty through his association with Abraham. However, he lost much of his potential because he failed to honor and sustain that connection. His story serves as both an encouragement and a warning: divine association can elevate a person, but pride and ignorance can cause that person to lose the very connection that brought blessing. Do not allow pride, offense, strife, or an arrival mentality to rob you of covenant relationships and divine connections in your life. Cherish the people God places in your path, for through them He may choose to shape your future and establish your weight in life.

2. Elisha

Elisha: An Ardent Follower of Elijah

Elisha remained steadfastly connected to Elijah. He clearly understood the person to whom God had connected him, and he discerned the grace he was meant to receive and the results he was destined to produce through that relationship. He was firmly attached to Elijah, whom he regarded as his spiritual father. Elisha did not follow Elijah merely to learn prophetic ministry; he followed him with a heart of service. He carried the mindset of learning and serving simultaneously. In his heart, he resolved to remain with Elijah until he had received all that God had prepared for him through that covenant relationship. His focus and persistence enabled him to remain with Elijah until he obtained the double portion of the anointing that rested upon

his master.

Receiving Through Followership and Stewardship

What you desire to receive from a covenant relationship may sometimes appear difficult or even impossible. However, as long as you remain faithful in followership, you will eventually attain it. In 2 Kings 2:10–12 (The Living Bible), Elijah said to Elisha: ***“You have asked a hard thing... If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won’t.”*** Elisha received what seemed to be a hard and uncommon request through the pathway of committed followership and faithful stewardship. After Elijah was taken up, the sons of the prophets affirmed, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” This declaration marked the public confirmation of the spiritual transfer that had taken place. There is a level of connectivity that positions a person to inherit grace, produce uncommon results, and rise to a level of authority that surpasses that of peers and contemporaries. Elisha’s experience, as recorded in Scripture, distinguished him from others and elevated him beyond equality with the other sons of the prophets.

Pursuing Spiritual Substance beyond Human Weakness

Elisha did not focus on the human frailties of Elijah. Instead, he remained determined to draw out the spiritual substance deposited in his life. His heart was deeply knit to Elijah, and he continued to follow him faithfully until he received what others around him could not obtain. The spirit that rested upon Elijah later rested upon Elisha and became the foundation of Elisha’s influence and weightiness in the land. This reveals a vital spiritual principle: the spirit of a person you do not truly believe in and follow cannot rest upon you. Both Elijah and Elisha were weighty figures in their generation. Elisha’s weightiness was a direct result of his sustained connection,

humility, and loyalty.

A Call to Remain Connected

Remain connected to the person God has revealed for you to follow. Within such divinely ordained relationships, there are spiritual deposits, graces, and opportunities that outsiders and casual observers cannot access. Those who remain committed in humility and service often receive what others only admire from a distance. Elisha's life teaches that weightiness is not only a product of personal calling but also of faithful association, spiritual alignment, and unwavering commitment to covenant relationships.

3. Joshua

Deuteronomy 34:9 states, "Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him." Joshua succeeded Moses and was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands upon him. He was an ardent follower of Moses—deeply committed, submitted, and obedient to him. There was nothing Moses instructed him to do that he was unwilling to carry out. Joshua became weighty because he stepped into the position left behind by Moses and continued in the same realm of faith and leadership in which Moses had operated.

Joshua 3:7 declares, "And the Lord said to Joshua... 'As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.'" Similarly, Joshua 4:14 states, "On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life." The same divine presence and authority that accompanied Moses throughout his lifetime became the experience of Joshua throughout his own life. Joshua's weightiness was a direct result of his sustained connection, loyalty, and submission to Moses.

4. King Saul

The moment Saul came into contact with Samuel, his life and status changed dramatically. An ordinary man was transformed into a weighty personality. He was elevated and anointed to become king over Israel on the basis of his connection with Samuel, the prophet of God. However, the moment Saul lost alignment and connectivity with Samuel, he began to lose his kingdom and throne. His disobedience to the instructions delivered through Samuel marked the beginning of his downfall. A single act of disobedience carried severe consequences and ultimately cost him the kingdom. This serves as a vital warning: do not lose your impact, influence, and authority through disobedience to divine instructions given through the spiritual authority to whom you are connected. Obedience sustains elevation, while rebellion erodes the very foundations of authority and weightiness.

5. Timothy

Timothy was closely connected with Paul the Apostle and remained deeply committed to his teachings and doctrine. He followed Paul faithfully until he was eventually entrusted with leadership in the church. Timothy's association with Paul was not superficial; he imbibed Paul's thoughts, character, revelations, and ministry philosophy. He was devoted to studying the writings and instructions of Paul, allowing those teachings to shape his spiritual growth and leadership capacity. Through this consistent exposure and submission, Timothy matured into a leader capable of shepherding believers, including influential and wealthy individuals of his time. Timothy's life demonstrates the importance of becoming a person who can be trusted with responsibility. Paul trusted Timothy enough to involve him in missionary journeys and to delegate significant assignments

to him. Such trust was not accidental—it was the result of Timothy’s proven loyalty, humility, and commitment to sound doctrine.

6. Jonathan

Understanding the Place of Loyalty in Association

1 Samuel 20:16–17 says, “So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David... Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.” Jonathan was the son of King Saul and, by natural succession, the heir apparent to the throne of Israel. However, Jonathan discerned by revelation that David—not himself—was God’s chosen successor. Instead of resisting this reality, he entered into a covenant of loyalty and friendship with David. This teaches a profound spiritual and life principle: ***in the divine order, some people are destined to be greater than others in certain assignments. Some outcomes in life are settled by God long before we are born. Recognizing and accepting this reality requires maturity, humility, and spiritual discernment.*** Understanding this principle helps a person avoid destructive emotions such as competition, jealousy, strife, and hatred. Accepting God’s choice is not an act of self-belittlement or low self-esteem; rather, it is an acknowledgment of the sovereignty and wisdom of God in the affairs of men. Had Lucifer understood and accepted this principle, he would not have harbored the desire in his heart to exalt himself above God or to function in God’s place. His rebellion stemmed from a refusal to accept divine order.

Cooperating with God’s Choice

There are instances in life where younger individuals rise above their older siblings or peers. When those who are older

fail to understand the workings of God and instead respond with rivalry or resentment, they position themselves for unnecessary pain and loss. However, when they acknowledge God's hand and cooperate with His choice, they become partakers of the blessings attached to that elevation. Whenever you discern that God has exalted someone, wisdom demands that you align yourself with that person rather than oppose them. Jonathan exemplified this wisdom. Though his father, King Saul, desired to establish him as king, Jonathan recognized that Saul's decisions were driven by human emotion rather than divine direction. Jonathan, by revelation and spiritual insight, acknowledged David as the future king of Israel. He willingly aligned himself with David and was content to stand beside him rather than compete with him. Through this covenant relationship, Jonathan secured a place of honor and relevance in Israel's history. Jonathan's loyalty and agreement with David also helped shape David's perception of his future. By affirming David's destiny, Jonathan strengthened David's confidence and reinforced the legitimacy of his calling. Jonathan identified David early as the future king and aligned his life accordingly.

A Lesson in Destiny and Alignment

Jonathan's story teaches that true greatness is not only in ascending to positions of authority but also in recognizing and supporting God's purposes in others. By choosing loyalty over rivalry and covenant over competition, Jonathan demonstrated a rare level of spiritual maturity. His life stands as a model of how alignment with God's will—even when it appears to disadvantage us naturally—ultimately preserves honor, legacy, and spiritual relevance.

A Call to Personal Reflection

Take a moment to answer the following questions with sincerity and honesty:

- How weighty is your presence in a place?
- How weighty is your greatness?
- How weighty is your success?
- How weighty are the words that proceed from your mouth?
- How weighty are your associations and networks?
- How weighty is your family?
- How weighty is your ministry?
- How weighty is your business or organization?
- How weighty is your company?

These questions are not meant to condemn but to provoke deep reflection and self-evaluation. Weightiness in life is not accidental; it is cultivated through principles, relationships, character, and divine alignment.

You can become weighty in life. Everything connected to you—and everything that flows from you—can also become weighty when you intentionally apply the principles discussed in this book. It is my prayer that the eyes of your understanding will be enlightened so that you may clearly discern whom God has ordained for you to follow, to associate closely with, and to submit to. When these relationships are rightly discerned and honored, they become channels through which grace, influence, and lasting impact flow into your life.

THE WEIGHING SCALES OF GOD

The Understanding of the Basis

Daniel 5:27 declares, “TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting.”

This statement was part of the interpretation given by Daniel to King Belshazzar after the mysterious handwriting appeared on the wall. Two important questions arise from this passage: Who weighed King Belshazzar, and what scales were used for the weighing? God Himself weighed Belshazzar, and he was found lacking. The weighing scale of God is perfectly honest and completely accurate. There are specific standards God uses when He weighs men. These standards are what distinguish one person from another in His sight. Believers do not carry the same weight before God because their hearts, thoughts, words, deeds, and actions differ. The following are some of the scales God uses in weighing men.

1. The Fear of God

God weighs a person by examining the state of his heart—whether he truly fears Him or not. When a person fears God, he

becomes weighty in God's sight; when the fear of God is absent, that person becomes weightless before Him. The fear of God may appear simple or subtle, yet it is powerful and profound. It positions a person for divine approval and influence in the sight of God. It is important to examine whether the fear of God is reflected in your heart, your thoughts, your speech, and your actions. These four areas must consistently demonstrate reverence for God.

What the Fear of God Is Not

a. The Fear of God Is Not Being Afraid of God

Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." This Scripture shows that we are invited to approach God with boldness, not with panic or terror. The fear of God does not mean living in constant dread of Him.

b. The Fear of God Is Not Hiding from God

A person who truly fears God does not attempt to hide from Him, because he understands that nothing is hidden from God's sight.

c. The Fear of God Is Not Running Away from God

If you genuinely fear God, you will be drawn toward Him rather than away from Him. The fear of God creates attraction, not avoidance.

What the Fear of God Truly Is

a. Reverence for God

To fear God is to have deep reverence for Him. This reverence must be expressed in your heart, thoughts, words, and actions. It is often demonstrated through inward questions such as: **"What will God think of this?"** and **"Will this action please God?"** These reflections must guide both your public conduct and your private life.

b. Respect and Honor for God

You cannot claim to fear God while dishonoring Him. Though God is invisible, He reveals Himself through His works and through His servants. A person who fears God honors both.

Joseph demonstrated the fear of God when he refused the advances of Potiphar's wife. He was conscious that God was watching him, even when no one else was present. Leaders and rulers must also carry out their responsibilities with the fear of God. They must remain conscious that God knows the motives of their hearts toward the people they lead. 2 Samuel 23:3 says, "He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God." Everyone in a position of authority serves as a representative of God and must therefore govern with reverence, justice, and accountability before Him.

The Fear of God and the Hatred of Evil

Proverbs 8:13 states, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." A person who truly fears God cannot comfortably embrace wrongdoing. The fear of God produces a deep hatred for sin and moral corruption.

The Fear of God as the Beginning of Wisdom and Knowledge

Psalms 111:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Likewise, Proverbs 1:7 declares, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." These Scriptures reveal that the first evidence of genuine wisdom and true knowledge is the presence of the fear of God in a person's life. When divine wisdom operates in you, it teaches you to reverence and respect God in all things. When the fear of God is present in your heart, God weighs you as weighty. When it is absent, you are weightless before Him, regardless of human recognition or status.

Abraham: A Demonstration of the Fear of God

Genesis 22:12 says, "Do not lay your hand on the lad... for

now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” Abraham’s obedience in his willingness to sacrifice Isaac proved his fear of God. God already knew Abraham’s heart, but the test revealed and confirmed Abraham’s reverence and loyalty through action. Abraham could have chosen to disobey, and God might not have struck him down immediately. However, his disobedience would have affected his standing and weight before God. Instead, his obedience strengthened his covenant relationship with God and established him as a man of great spiritual weight.

The Fear of God as a Divine Weighing Scale

You must understand that the fear of God is one of the primary scales God uses in weighing men. It begins in the heart, influences the thoughts, shapes the words, and is ultimately expressed through actions. If the fear of God is absent, a person becomes weightless before God, regardless of earthly achievements. But when it is present and consistently expressed, it gives a person spiritual substance and weight in the sight of heaven.

2. Faith

Faith is one of the scales God uses in weighing men. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus said: ***“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees... for you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.”***

This Scriptural passage reveals that faith is considered one of the weightier matters in God’s sight. Therefore, faith is a divine standard by which God evaluates the spiritual substance of a person’s life. Faith deals with what you believe. Your belief reflects the conviction of your heart toward God. Therefore, ***what do you truly believe about God? What are you fully persuaded***

of concerning His character, His power, and His promises? A person who believes God to the fullest extent is a weighty person. Likewise, the person who continues to trust and wait on God despite challenges and adverse circumstances demonstrates spiritual weight.

Abraham: A Model of Weighty Faith

Abraham had faith in God and believed that the promises spoken to him would surely come to pass. He did not waver in unbelief; instead, his hope and trust were firmly anchored in God. Romans 4:21 declares, “And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” Abraham did not doubt God in his heart. He believed every word that God had spoken to him. He did not consider the deadness of Sarah’s womb as a limitation to God’s ability. Instead, he maintained complete confidence that whatever God had spoken would be fulfilled.

Romans 4:19 further explains: ***“And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old)...”*** Abraham refused to allow his physical condition to judge the credibility of God’s Word. His faith rested on God’s integrity rather than on visible circumstances. This raises an important question for personal reflection: **Do you still believe the things God has spoken concerning your future in spite of the conditions you are currently facing?** God continually weighs the faith of His people. Those who walk in faith are regarded as weighty before Him, while doubt and unbelief diminish a person’s spiritual weight. Doubt does not position anyone to receive from God, but faith aligns a person with divine manifestation.

The Measure of Faith at Salvation

Romans 12:3 states, “...as God has dealt to each one a measure

of faith.” At salvation, every believer receives a measure of faith. This faith enables a person to believe in Christ and receive the gift of salvation. Jesus is the author and finisher of this foundational faith. However, beyond the faith that brings salvation, there is a faith by which a believer lives daily on earth. This faith empowers a person to receive the fulfillment of God’s promises, to believe God’s Word concerning the future, and to walk in the path ordained by God.

The Performing Faith

This second dimension of faith is described as performing faith—the faith that produces visible results in a believer’s life. It was this kind of faith that Abraham exercised when he received the promised child and later prepared to offer Isaac, believing that God was able to raise him from the dead. Scripture also speaks of the spirit of faith and the gift of faith (1 Corinthians 12:9), but the focus here is on performing faith—the faith that moves a believer to act on God’s Word. Performing faith:

- is rooted in the Word of God,
- is expressed through speech,
- and is demonstrated through decisive action.

When this kind of faith is active, a believer speaks to circumstances and challenges with confidence in God’s authority, and those circumstances eventually yield to the Word of God.

Faith Demonstrated Through Action

Performing faith is engaged when you act upon what God has said. As long as you are a believer, you will see God perform His Word in your life when you consistently engage this faith. The three Hebrew men—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—demonstrated performing faith when they refused to bow to

the golden image. They boldly declared that the God they served was able to deliver them. Their confession was rooted in unwavering confidence in God's power, regardless of the outcome. Performing faith reveals the depth of your conviction and the extent to which you are willing to act on God's Word. It shows the level to which you truly believe God.

Faith as a Scale in God's Weighing

Your faith becomes evident through your words and your actions. When you speak in agreement with God's promises and take steps of obedience based on His Word, you demonstrate spiritual substance. These actions of faith make you weighty in the sight of God. Regardless of the conditions you are presently encountering, you must hold firmly to the Word of God. Be fully persuaded in your heart that what the Lord has spoken concerning your future will come to pass. Continue to declare the revelations and promises God has given to you, and act in obedience to them. God desires to see the obedience of faith expressed through action. Performing faith is one of the scales He uses in weighing believers. Do not be moved by circumstances or appearances. Instead, keep declaring and acting upon what God has spoken. When you were saved, you entered into a life of faith. Now you must learn to walk and operate in that faith daily. It is possible for a believer to possess faith and yet function in doubt. Therefore, make a deliberate choice to live and act in faith, for by this you will be weighed in the balances of God.

3. Justice

Justice is another scale God uses in weighing men. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus said: ***“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees... for you have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy***

and faith.” In this Scriptural verse, Jesus clearly identified justice as one of the weightier matters of the law, showing that God evaluates people based on their commitment to fairness, righteousness, and moral integrity.

The Meaning of Justice

Justice is the moral principle of fairness and the ethical commitment to uphold what is right. It is expressed through the fair and impartial treatment of others and through a strong rejection of favoritism and partiality. A just person does not operate based on emotions, personal preferences, or relationships, but on truth, equity, and righteousness. Justice requires that:

- those who deserve correction are corrected,
- those who deserve freedom are set free,
- and those who deserve promotion are advanced without undue delay.

Injustice often manifests through practices such as nepotism, favoritism, and manipulation of due process. Such behaviors reveal a lack of understanding and appreciation for the principle of justice. Justice follows proper procedures, respects due process, and is not governed by sentiment or bias.

Justice as a Qualification for Leadership

Job 34:17 says, “Should one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn Him who is most just?” This Scripture implies that anyone who despises justice is unfit to lead. A person who cannot treat others fairly, who practices partiality, or who manipulates outcomes for personal gain should not be entrusted with authority. Leadership demands a deep commitment to fairness and equity. Justice reflects the very nature of God. God is not only loving but also just. His love is expressed through

His fatherhood, care, and mercy, while His justice is revealed through His judgments and righteous standards. As the Judge of all the earth, God administers justice perfectly and without error.

Seeking Justice from God

If you have been a victim of injustice or partiality, you can turn to God in prayer and ask Him to intervene on your behalf. Because He is a just God, He is able to vindicate the oppressed and correct wrongs done against them. When justice is demanded, mercy becomes the only force that can mitigate judgment. This reveals the delicate balance between justice and mercy in God's dealings with humanity.

The Consequences of Injustice

When God sees partiality, corruption, or injustice in a person's life, that person becomes weightless in His sight. Justice originates from God, and He expects those who represent Him—especially leaders—to reflect His just nature in their decisions and actions. Proverbs 21:3 states, “To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.” This means that ethical conduct and fair treatment of others are more pleasing to God than religious rituals or material offerings. God values righteous living above external displays of devotion.

Justice in Everyday Relationships

Justice is not limited to courts, governments, or public offices; it must be practiced in everyday relationships. Parents must be fair in their treatment of their children, and leaders must be equitable in their dealings with those under their authority. A commitment to justice strengthens families, stabilizes communities, and establishes nations. Scripture affirms that a king establishes the land by justice, showing that fairness and righteousness are foundational to lasting stability and

prosperity.

A Call to Embrace Justice

Let us therefore embrace justice intentionally and consistently. Make a deliberate decision to do what is right, to reject partiality, and to treat others with fairness and dignity. When you live justly, you reflect the character of God and gain weight in His sight, for justice remains one of the divine scales by which He weighs the hearts and actions of men.

4. Mercy

In Matthew 23:23, Jesus said: **“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees... for you have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.”** This statement reveals that mercy is one of the divine scales by which God weighs men. It is not a minor virtue but a weighty matter in the sight of God. Proverbs 3:3–4 further states, “Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck... and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.” This Scriptural passage teaches that a person who does not know how to show mercy to others cannot consistently enjoy favor before God and people. Many pray for increased favor, yet they fail to extend mercy to those around them. While you cannot show mercy to God, you can obtain mercy from Him—and one of the ways to access it is by showing mercy to others. When people experience your mercy, they are more likely to respect, appreciate, and honor you. Mercy attracts goodwill and opens doors of favor.

The Meaning of Mercy

Mercy is a voluntary act of compassion toward an offender or someone in distress. It involves giving someone better treatment than they deserve. When you choose to respond with kindness instead of retaliation, or generosity instead of

indifference, you are demonstrating mercy. Mercy is closely related to words such as **compassion, forgiveness, pardon, pity, and benevolence**. These expressions help to capture the depth and breadth of what mercy truly means. It is wise to learn to show mercy quickly and willingly, especially toward those who have wronged you.

Mercy toward the Needy

Proverbs 14:31 says, “He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.” Showing mercy to the needy is an act of honoring God. Whenever you encounter someone in need, you should be willing to rise and offer help and support. Turning a blind eye to the suffering of others reflects a lack of compassion and displeases God. God considers a person weighty when that person consistently demonstrates mercy. He is also more inclined to entrust responsibilities to those whose hearts are compassionate and tender toward others. A lack of mercy can limit the levels a person is able to attain in life and ministry.

The Rewards of Mercy

Proverbs 21:21 states, “He who follows righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor.” Similarly, Matthew 5:7 declares, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” These Scriptures make it clear that mercy is both a command and a pathway to blessing. Many people pray for mercy, yet they themselves are unwilling to show mercy to others. Anyone who deserves mercy should be shown mercy, for God often chooses and elevates people because He knows they will extend the same compassion to others. A person who consistently shows mercy will not lack mercy in his or her own life. God responds generously to those who reflect His compassionate nature.

Mercy in the Life of Moses

When God was ready to destroy the Israelites because of their disobedience, Moses interceded and pleaded for mercy on their behalf. His willingness to stand in the gap for a rebellious people revealed the depth of his compassionate heart. Moses' life demonstrated both justice and mercy. His merciful disposition was one of the qualities that made him a trusted servant of God. Although Moses did not physically enter the Promised Land, God granted him the privilege of seeing it with his own eyes. His relationship with God remained strong because he consistently upheld both righteousness and mercy.

Practicing Mercy in Daily Life

You must learn to show mercy not only to friends but also to offenders, critics, and even enemies. Do not hold on to offenses or nurture bitterness in your heart. Instead, cultivate a spirit that is quick to forgive and eager to help. Show mercy to those who are in distress, trouble, or need—even before they ask for help. Swift and willing acts of kindness reflect the heart of God and distinguish you as a person of spiritual substance.

Mercy as a Divine Scale

God's dealings with humanity are deeply rooted in mercy. Among the many people who desire greatness, influence, and relevance, it is often mercy that distinguishes those whom God chooses to elevate. Therefore, do not take this scale lightly. Mercy is one of the divine standards by which God weighs men. Let mercy continually speak for you, guide your actions, and shape your responses. When you consistently extend mercy to others, you position yourself to continually receive mercy from God.

5. Kindness

Kindness is another scale by which God weighs men. Those who consistently show kindness to others are considered weighty in His sight, while those who lack kindness become weightless before Him. Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. It involves voluntary and intentional actions that benefit others without expecting any reward in return. When a person demonstrates kindness, he or she reflects the very nature and character of God to the world. Kindness expresses itself through forgiving others, helping those in need, offering gentle words, and providing emotional, practical, and even financial support. It cannot be separated from generosity, for generosity is one of the clearest expressions of a kind heart. Generosity is the willingness to freely give one's time, resources, finances, and even valuable information to others without expecting anything in return. A kind person naturally possesses a generous spirit. Whenever you support those in need, contribute to their growth, and offer help and assistance, you are demonstrating kindness in practical ways. Proverbs 19:22 says, "What is desired in a man is kindness..." This Scripture reveals that kindness is one of the most admirable and expected qualities in human relationships. No one desires to be treated with wickedness or cruelty; every person longs to encounter kindness. Therefore, make it a lifestyle to show kindness to everyone you meet in life.

Kindness toward the Afflicted and Needy

Job 6:14 states, "To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend..." This means that those who are suffering or in distress especially need the kindness of others. They require people who will clothe them, feed them, support them, and provide shelter when necessary. Kindness should not be

reserved only for friends; it should also be extended to the poor, the sick, and the needy. It is important to ask yourself sincere questions:

- Who can say that they were helped or uplifted because of you?
- Who can testify that their life became easier because you supported them?
- Who can thank God for bringing you into their life?

There should be people on earth whose lives bear visible testimonies of your kindness.

The Example of Dorcas

Acts 9:36 says, “At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.” Dorcas was known and remembered for her acts of kindness and charity. Good things were spoken about her because of the positive impact she made in the lives of others. This teaches us that the deeds we do on earth are what people will remember and testify about after we are gone. Not all kindness is expressed through money. You can also show kindness through encouragement, recommendations, counsel, and practical assistance. Simple acts of care can leave lasting impressions on people’s lives.

Kindness as a Christian Virtue

Colossians 3:12 instructs believers: ***“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness...”*** This Scriptural verse shows that kindness is not optional; it is something believers are commanded to “put on,” just like a garment. It should become a visible and consistent part of

your character. Similarly, Ephesians 4:32 says, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Kindness makes it easier to forgive those who offend you, because a kind heart is tender and compassionate rather than harsh and resentful.

Kindness as an Expression of Love

1 Corinthians 13:4 declares, “Love suffers long and is kind...” One of the clearest expressions of love is kindness. Genuine love is not harsh, selfish, or indifferent; it actively seeks to bless and uplift others. When you show kindness, you are not merely being polite—you are demonstrating the love of God in action.

The Reward of Kindness

When God sees that you consistently show kindness to others, He weighs your life and finds substance in your character. Such a person becomes eligible for greater levels of influence, trust, and authority, because kindness shows that the heart is safe to be entrusted with people and responsibility. Showing kindness contributes to the progress and well-being of others. It helps build strong relationships, fosters goodwill, and reflects the heart of Christ in a broken world. Refuse to live a self-centered life. Make a deliberate decision to live kindly, to give generously, and to seek the advancement of others. In doing so, you will grow in spiritual weight and become a vessel through whom God can express His goodness to humanity.

6. Diligence

Many people do not realize that diligence is one of the scales by which God weighs men. Consider this: how many lazy individuals have you seen whom God has consistently blessed and elevated? Scripture shows that God is committed to blessing the diligent, not the idle. Diligence is the quality of consistent,

disciplined, and dedicated effort. A person cannot truly claim to be diligent without being consistent. Diligence involves hard work, persistence, and the determination to complete tasks regardless of convenience or discomfort.

A diligent person lives by the principle: ***“Do now what needs to be done.”*** Such a person does not procrastinate. Instead, diligence compels one to act promptly and responsibly, ensuring that necessary tasks are completed at the right time. Diligence is closely tied to ***discipline***. You cannot be diligent without being disciplined, and you cannot maintain discipline without developing diligence. It requires the willingness to prioritize work over distractions, to cut off unnecessary conversations, to resist laziness, and to remain focused on assigned responsibilities. For this reason, every believer is encouraged to cultivate diligence as a lifestyle.

The Biblical Command to Be Diligent

Romans 12:11 instructs, ***“Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.”*** This Scriptural verse makes it clear that God expects His people to demonstrate diligence in every area of life, especially in their service to Him. Proverbs 12:27 further states, ***“...But diligence is man’s precious possession.”*** This means that diligence is not merely a habit; it is a valuable asset that distinguishes a person and adds weight to his or her character. A person known for diligence carries a reputation of reliability, seriousness, and responsibility.

Diligence Leads to Authority

Proverbs 12:24 declares, ***“The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor.”*** This Scripture reveals a divine principle: diligence leads to leadership and authority, while laziness results in subjection and limitation. Those who are diligent today are positioning themselves for

future elevation. It is important to ask yourself:

- What am I doing today that is preparing me for positions of authority tomorrow?

The habits you cultivate now will determine the level of influence you attain later.

Diligence and Divine Approval

In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul writes, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” This instruction was given especially to ministers of the gospel, but the principle applies to every believer. God evaluates not only our intentions but also our level of commitment, preparation, and excellence. Diligence is one of the qualities God looks for before He entrusts a person with greater responsibilities. Before God promotes or lifts a person into higher levels of influence and authority, He first examines that person’s diligence. Those who prove faithful and hardworking in smaller assignments are the ones who are eventually elevated in due time.

Diligence as a Lifelong Discipline

Diligence is not a one-time effort but a lifelong discipline. It must be practiced daily—in study, in work, in ministry, and in personal development. A diligent person does not wait for motivation before acting; he or she acts because it is the right thing to do. Over time, diligence builds competence, earns trust, and opens doors of opportunity. People naturally rely on and recommend those who are known to be diligent because they are confident that such individuals will deliver results.

A Call to Embrace Diligence

If you desire to become weighty in the sight of God and to be

entrusted with greater influence, you must embrace diligence wholeheartedly. Reject laziness, avoid procrastination, and commit yourself to excellence in everything you do. As you cultivate diligence, you position yourself for divine approval, human recognition, and eventual promotion. In God's system of evaluation, diligence is not optional—it is a key scale by which He weighs the lives and destinies of men.

7. Faithfulness

God desires that His people be faithful. In Numbers 12:7, the Lord testified concerning Moses: **“Not so with My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house.”** This was a divine testimony about Moses' character. It is a profound question to ask ourselves: Can both God and people testify that we are faithful? Moses was not the one who declared himself faithful—God did. True faithfulness is best revealed through the testimony of others and, ultimately, through God's own approval.

Faithfulness as a Qualification for Responsibility

Nehemiah 7:2 states, “Then I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the leader of the citadel, for he was a faithful man and feared God more than many.” Nehemiah entrusted leadership responsibilities to Hanani and Hananiah because they were known to be faithful. This shows that faithfulness is a primary qualification for leadership and stewardship. People who are faithful are often chosen to oversee important assignments because they have proven themselves reliable and trustworthy. Faithfulness is the quality of being loyal, steadfast, and dependable in commitment, affection, and duty. When a person is consistently reliable and committed to responsibilities, that person demonstrates true faithfulness.

In everyday language, faithfulness is closely related to loyalty. The biblical term is faithful, while in social settings it is often described as loyalty.

The Character of a Faithful Person

A faithful person keeps promises and remains committed to relationships and responsibilities even when circumstances change. Faithful people do not abandon their commitments simply because they see better opportunities elsewhere. They are dependable and do not easily disappoint or betray trust. Faithfulness is expressed through:

- devotion,
- trustworthiness,
- consistency,
- loyalty, and
- fidelity.

Because of these qualities, faithful individuals become pillars in families, ministries, organizations, and nations.

The Importance of Faithful Relationships

One of the things you should pray for in life is to be surrounded by faithful people. Leaders, in particular, need faithful followers and workers. An organizational leader requires faithful staff; a political leader needs faithful cabinet members; and a pastor needs faithful ministers and workers who will stand firm through changing seasons. Some people struggle in life not because of a lack of opportunity, but because they lack faithful people around them. Faithful friends are those whose hearts are genuinely connected to you—not because of your possessions or wealth, but because of sincere commitment and love. The Scriptures give us an example in David, who showed kindness

to the household of Jonathan even after Jonathan's death. This demonstrated the power of faithful relationships that endure beyond immediate benefit.

You are greatly blessed if you have even two or three truly faithful people in your life. Such individuals are often divinely assigned to stand with you, support you, and remain committed through every season.

Becoming the Faithful Person You Desire to Have

If you desire God to send faithful people into your life, you must first become a faithful person yourself. Be faithful in your relationships, in your commitments, and in every promise you make. Learn to keep your word and avoid developing a reputation for disappointing others. Faithfulness is not only something to look for in others; it is a character trait that must be cultivated within yourself.

The Blessings Attached to Faithfulness

Proverbs 28:20 declares, "A faithful man will abound with blessings..." This Scripture reveals that faithfulness attracts blessings—from both God and people. When you prove faithful in your dealings with others, doors open, trust increases, and divine favor follows. Similarly, Luke 16:12 says, "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?" This principle is especially important for those serving under another person's vision or leadership. When you faithfully support and advance another person's assignment, you position yourself to be entrusted with your own in due time. If you are unwilling to help others succeed, it becomes difficult for God to commit your own vision into your hands.

Faithfulness as a Divine Scale

God weighs people by their faithfulness in hidden places and

routine responsibilities. Many desire promotion, but promotion in God's kingdom is often reserved for those who have proven themselves faithful over time. Embrace the quality of faithfulness in every area of your life. Let it be seen in your words, your commitments, your relationships, and your service to God. Faithfulness is one of the divine scales by which God evaluates men, and those who are found faithful are the ones He entrusts with greater responsibilities and lasting blessings.

8. **Humility**

Acts 20:19 says, "Serving the Lord with all humility..." This Scriptural passage teaches that our service to God must be characterized by humility. Likewise, Titus 3:1–2 reads, "Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men." Apostle Paul instructed Titus to teach believers to demonstrate humility in their relationships with others. Humility is not selective; it must be shown both toward God and toward all people.

Humility Attracts Grace

James 4:6 declares, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humility qualifies a person for increased grace. When God sees humility in your heart, He releases more grace into your life. There are dimensions of grace that a person cannot carry until God weighs his or her heart and finds genuine humility there. At times, when grace begins to manifest powerfully in a person's life, people may be tempted to admire or even idolize that individual. Without humility, such situations can become dangerous traps. It takes a humble heart to redirect all glory back to God and to avoid the subtle dangers of pride and self-exaltation.

The Principle of Exaltation through Humility

Matthew 23:12 states, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” This Scriptural verse reveals a spiritual law: pride leads to downfall, while humility leads to exaltation. Pride and humility cannot coexist in the same heart. Where humility is present, pride is absent; and where pride is dominant, humility has no place. Both pride and humility begin in the thoughts of the heart before they are expressed in actions. If you desire to be exalted in life, Scripture instructs you to humble yourself. 1 Peter 5:5–6 further explains, “...be clothed with humility... Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” To be clothed with humility means that humility should be visible in your attitudes, words, and actions. Just as clothing is seen outwardly, humility should be evident in your daily interactions. When you humble yourself under God’s mighty hand, He weighs you with the scale of humility and, in due season, brings promotion and elevation.

Humility and Authority

Humility is a pathway not only to rise in authority but also to remain stable in it. The higher your level of authority, the greater your humility should be. Your authority should never exceed your humility. As God lifts you higher, you must intentionally become more humble, not less. Romans 12:16 instructs, “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.” This Scripture warns against arrogance and encourages believers to maintain a humble and approachable spirit. You are even advised to associate with humble people, because humility is contagious and helps preserve your character.

The Example of Christ

Philippians 2:8 says concerning Jesus Christ, “...He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Jesus Christ, though divine, chose the path of humility and obedience. His life is the ultimate model for every believer. If the Son of God humbled Himself, then humility is not a weakness but a mark of true greatness. When your season of promotion arrives, let humility still be found in you. Promotion without humility can lead to destruction, but promotion accompanied by humility leads to lasting impact.

Understanding Humility

Humility can be defined in several ways:

- a. **A modest and accurate view of one’s own importance:** Humility helps you avoid thinking too highly of yourself.
- b. **The absence of arrogance and self-exaltation:** A humble person does not feel superior to others.
- c. **The willingness to value the ideas, opinions, and contributions of others:** Humility listens, learns, and gives room for others to be heard. Humble people do not consider themselves more important than others. Even if you excel in certain areas, humility restrains you from boasting, belittling others, or acting superior. Nothing you possess—whether position, wealth, knowledge, or influence—should make you look down on others.

Humility as a Divine Scale

Humility is more powerful than authority in preserving relationships, sustaining leadership, and maintaining divine favor. Authority without humility often leads to pride, isolation, and eventual downfall. Humility remains one of the scales God uses to weigh men. It is a virtue you must deliberately cultivate and

guard throughout your life. When God finds humility in your heart, He entrusts you with greater grace, sustained influence, and enduring honor.

9. Integrity

Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you consistently uphold, whether or not anyone is watching. It is the alignment of your actions with your values and convictions. Integrity ensures that truthfulness is maintained, that responsibility is taken for decisions, and that a person is known for a consistent and trustworthy character. A person with integrity is the same in private as in public. Such a life reflects inner stability and moral strength.

Integrity in the Life of Abimelech

Genesis 20:6 records, “And God said to him in a dream, ‘Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart...’” Abimelech demonstrated integrity of heart when he unknowingly took Sarah into his household, not realizing she was Abraham’s wife. God acknowledged that if Abimelech had known the truth, he would not have acted as he did. This shows that integrity makes a person’s actions predictable both to God and to others. When a person lives with integrity, God and people can trust how that person will respond in difficult or unclear situations.

Integrity as a Requirement for Divine Promises

In 1 Kings 9:4–5, God said to Solomon: ***“Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness... then I will establish the throne of your kingdom.”*** This passage reveals that certain promises of God are conditional upon integrity. There are dimensions of divine trust, favor, and covenantal blessing that God will not release until He sees

integrity in a person's heart. Integrity is closely tied to who you truly are, not merely what people think about you. ***Reputation is what people know or say about you; integrity is what God knows about you.*** While public opinion and media narratives can shape reputation, they cannot manufacture integrity. Integrity is built internally and demonstrated through consistent conduct over time.

The Integrity of Job

Job's life is one of the clearest biblical examples of integrity under pressure. In Job 2:9, his wife said to him: ***“Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!”*** Even in the midst of intense suffering and loss, Job refused to compromise his integrity. His commitment to righteousness was more important to him than his comfort or even his survival. In Job 31:6, he declared, “Let me be weighed on honest scales, that God may know my integrity.” Job was confident enough in his character to invite God to evaluate him by the standard of integrity. This is a profound statement. It challenges every believer to ask: Can I confidently ask God to weigh my life on the scale of integrity?

Integrity as a Standard for Divine Judgment

Psalms 7:8 says, “The Lord shall judge the peoples; judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity within me.” This prayer reflects a deep confidence in one's moral uprightness. It shows that integrity is not merely a social virtue; it is a spiritual standard by which God Himself judges people. In a world where compromise, deception, and moral inconsistency are increasingly common, people of integrity are greatly needed. Integrity builds trust, stabilizes relationships, and honors God.

Living a Life that History Will Honor

The question you must ask yourself is this:

- What truths can be said about me when my life is evaluated?
- Will history record you as a person of integrity, or as someone who compromised when it mattered most?

Integrity helps you maintain a consistent character in every season of life. It ensures that your words, decisions, and actions remain aligned with righteousness and truth. When God weighs men using the scale of integrity, those who are found upright are entrusted with greater responsibility, deeper trust, and lasting honor. Therefore, guard your integrity diligently, for it is one of the most valuable assets you can possess in both your walk with God and your relationships with people.

10. Obedience

Obedience is the act of following instructions, rules, and commands given by an authority figure. It involves compliance, submission, and a willingness to align one's actions with the directives of a higher authority. When you submit to parents, obey lawful regulations, and adhere to sound teaching, these are clear indicators of an obedient life. Obedience is a form of dutiful submission to authority. In carrying out instructions, your personal wishes and opinions are sometimes set aside so that you can faithfully execute the blueprint that has been given to you. This raises an important question: If God gives you an instruction, will He judge you to be obedient? Can you be known as a person who consistently obeys authority?

Biblical Examples of Obedience

Abraham is one of the greatest examples of obedience in Scrip-

ture. He left his father's house and his kindred to go to a land that God promised to show him. He obeyed without knowing the full details of the journey ahead. Isaac also demonstrated obedience when he sowed in the land during a time of famine, acting solely on the basis of divine instruction. Obedience is a virtue that produces results even when the instructions given are not convenient or easy to carry out. Throughout your life, you are called to cultivate a lifestyle of obedience. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the ultimate example. He was obedient to the Father even to the point of death on the cross. Likewise, individuals such as Timothy and Titus were known for their obedience to the Apostle Paul, and the disciples demonstrated obedience to Jesus during His earthly ministry. Joshua also obeyed Moses faithfully and carried out his instructions with diligence.

Obedience to the Word of God

As Christians, we bear the responsibility to obey the teachings of Scripture. Your personal opinions do not override the authority of God's Word. No matter your level of intelligence, education, exposure, or philosophical leaning, you cannot be wiser than the truth contained in Scripture. You must not allow your background, ideology, or personal philosophy to interfere with the light and truth of God's Word. The Scriptures are not to be blended or diluted to suit personal preferences. True obedience requires full submission to what God has said, even when it challenges your natural reasoning or cultural assumptions.

The Danger of Partial or Delayed Obedience

It is important to understand that in God's system there is no such thing as partial obedience. Obedience is complete and exact, or it is disobedience. Carrying out only the parts of an instruction that are convenient while ignoring the rest does

not qualify as obedience. Obedience can also be compromised through delay. When an instruction is given and you postpone carrying it out without valid reason, you are already drifting into disobedience. Prompt obedience reflects trust and reverence for the authority giving the command.

Obedience to the Voice of the Holy Spirit

How responsive are you to the voice of the Holy Spirit when He prompts you to give, to go somewhere, or to carry out a specific assignment? Are you quick to act, or do you hesitate and rationalize away His instructions? Apostle Paul testified that he was “not disobedient to the heavenly vision.” When God gives you a vision or a directive, you are expected to step out in faith and act upon it.

It is wise to evaluate your obedience regularly. Ask yourself:

- What is the measure of my obedience?
- Do I respond promptly and completely when God speaks?

Obedience as a Divine Scale

Every time a person disobeys God, that person becomes weightless in His sight. Conversely, every act of genuine obedience adds weight and substance to one’s spiritual life. Obedience proves loyalty, reverence, and trust in God, and it demonstrates that your heart is aligned with His will. Because of this, obedience remains one of the key scales by which God weighs men. Those who consistently obey His voice and His Word are the ones He entrusts with greater responsibilities, deeper revelations, and lasting impact.

11. Love for God

Love for God is a deep emotional and spiritual affection

directed toward God and expressed in our relationship with others. The entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 13 provides profound insight into the subject of love and is essential for developing a balanced and mature understanding of this virtue. 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3–8, 13 declares, “Love never fails... And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” This passage emphasizes that love is the greatest of all spiritual virtues. Love is eternal, unfailing, and foundational to the Christian life.

The Three Dimensions of Love

There are three important dimensions of love:

- a. **The love of God** – God’s love directed toward us.
- b. **The love from God** – the love God pours into our hearts, enabling us to love others.
- c. **The love for God** – our affectionate and devoted response back to God.

Scripture teaches that the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, no believer should struggle to love, because the capacity to love has already been placed within us by God Himself. The love for God is demonstrated in our devotion, obedience, and commitment to Him, while the love from God is expressed in how we treat people around us—even those with difficult or unpleasant character traits.

Love as a Proof of Devotion to God

Your love for God must be visible through your actions. If you truly love God, you will serve Him willingly and joyfully. A believer who merely attends church services but refuses to be actively involved in the work of God should examine the depth of his or her love for God. Love makes service natural and joyful.

Those who love God do not struggle to give to Him or to support His work. Wherever genuine love exists, giving becomes easier and more meaningful. God Himself demonstrated this when He gave what was most precious to Him for the salvation of humanity. If you truly love God, nothing should be too valuable or too important for you to surrender to Him.

Love as a Divine Scale

Love is one of the scales by which God weighs men. If you do not show love to people, you are considered weightless in His sight. There are levels of influence, impact, and responsibility that God will not entrust to a person who lacks genuine love for others. God desires to make you a blessing to humanity. However, before He releases certain blessings, resources, and opportunities into your life, He weighs your heart to determine whether you sincerely love people. Love ensures that power, influence, and resources will be used responsibly and not abused.

Love and Access to Greater Responsibilities

There are certain levels of influence, access, revelation, authority, and expansion that God will not release until He considers a person to be spiritually weighty. God weighs people before entrusting them with greater assignments, relationships, and territories.

There are mentors, leaders, and spiritual fathers God may not bring into your life until He is convinced that you have the maturity and love required to benefit from such relationships. Likewise, there are visions and territories that are reserved only for those who have proven their weightiness through love and character. By the mercy and power of God, you can learn to apply these divine scales to your life. However, the responsibility to apply and live out this understanding rests on you.

Love Must Be Demonstrated in Action

Love must not exist only in words; it must be expressed through actions. Scripture commands us to live at peace with all people, and one of the greatest secrets to maintaining peace with others is to love them genuinely. You may have been hurt or offended by people in the past, but love requires that you release bitterness and let go of past offenses. Keeping records of wrongs only imprisons your heart and prevents you from walking in the fullness of God's love. It is time to release every memory of pain and every desire for revenge. Replace them with forgiveness, forbearance, reconciliation, and sincere love. Make a conscious decision today to reach out to those who have hurt you and respond to them with kindness and grace.

A Prayer to Embrace the Path of Love

You may use the following prayer as a personal commitment to walk in love:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I choose the path of love today.

I embrace the love You have poured into my heart.

I come into full alignment with Your command to love all people.

Right now, I let go of every offense, bitterness, sorrow, hatred, and desire for revenge toward those who have hurt me.

I renounce every force that has held my heart captive to resentment and unforgiveness.

My heart belongs to You, Father. Use it for Your glory.

From this day forward, let Your love flow freely through my life.

Thank You, Father, for Your unconditional love toward me.

Thank You for helping me to love others genuinely.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Love remains one of the greatest indicators of spiritual maturity and one of the most important scales by which God weighs

the hearts of men. When love governs your life, you become a true reflection of God's nature and a vessel through whom His blessings can flow to the world.



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