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Leaders Are Thankful (2 Samuel 2:6)

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This study/devotional is prepared for government leaders in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Kansas government. We trust that these summary notes are inspiring and encouraging.

INTRODUCTION

How faithful are you in expressing thanks? We are all served by others. We appreciate spouses, employees, volunteers, family, friends, authority figures, and peers/associates. Elected officials are indebted to their constituents. Pastors/missionaries and staff of non-profit organizations are grateful for donors/supporters. Are you consistently thanking those who serve you? Being appreciative is how we show that we value someone!

Years ago an elderly aunt sent each of her three adult nieces a modest cash gift. Later, we learned that my wife was the only one who called to chat and thank her aunt. That niece received a second check! This was used to travel and visit the caring aunt. We continued to keep in touch. She died a relatively short time later. A simple “thank you” can have an eternal impact.

EARNING FAVOR

2 Samuel 2:6 May the LORD now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this.¹

King David promised to show favor to a group of men for their act of kindness to one of their own, asking the Lord to add blessings. Favor and blessing are what you share with your expression of appreciation to another. While we may not have the impact of a head of state, our “thank you” touches a heart. We can pray for one who serves us and touch the heart of God. Do you pray for those leaders in your workplace and the elected officials who serve you at every level?

ASKING FOR BLESSINGS

1Timothy 2:1-2 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and with proper conduct.²

The Holy Scriptures tell us to pray for others. We are admonished to pray for our leaders, those in authority. The promise is that we may live a quiet and peaceful life.

CONCLUSION

We show that we value those we thank for serving us. This, in turn, brings favor on us. Take a giant step and begin praying for others who serve you, especially those who represent you in government. Then tell them that you are praying for them! This will help your attitude and bless those being prayed for. Elected officials should pray for their own leadership, those with even greater responsibility. We publish a leadership prayer calendar to supply names of those in State and National leadership. Please connect through our web site: www.capitolcom.org (Kansas page, under prayer) or ask me to send a copy to you.

A Prayer:

Lord God, help me to be in a spirit of thanksgiving all year long. Give me the words to express genuine appreciation to others. I am reminded that I often fail to thank You, Lord for the countless blessings which have been poured into my life. Thank You for the favor which has brought me to this point in my life. Please add to this favor and bless those who serve me in leadership of the great State of Kansas. I ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

¹ The Holy Bible, New International Version (International Bible Society). 1984.

² The Holy Bible, Good News Translation (American Bible Society). 1992.

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