

1 INTRODUCTION

“The armorbearers of *today* will become the leaders of *tomorrow*”

Armorbearer: Hebrew translation (2 words):

Nasa (Naw–Saw’):

To lift, accept, bear, to carry, to hold up, to regard and respect.

Kalah (Kaw–Law’):

To end, to complete, bring to pass and finish.

From these two words we can see that the duty of an armorbearer was to stand behind his leader, to assist him, to lift him up and to protect him against any enemy.

The armorbearer was the one responsible for carrying his master’s shield and battle gear into battle. His responsibility was to see the safety of his master.

2 THE ARMORBEARER’S REVELATION

We need to obtain the spirit of an armorbearer in our relationship with the leader in our lives.

In John 15:13 Jesus said:

“Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for a friend.”

Obtaining the spirit of an armorbearer:

Realizing: Every man and woman of God needs many supporters to lift up his/her arms.

Developing: Develop a burden for them.

Being an armorbearer is not a man-appointed task. God appoints and places it upon our hearts.

3 FUNCTIONS OF AN ARMORBEARER

The main function of an armorbearer is that of service. He is to help and assist another.

3.1 In order to function optimally, an armorbearer must have the following characteristics:

3.1.1 Must be a loyal & faithful support to the leader. (1 Sam. 14:6-7)

- “You can be faithful without being loyal...”
- Become a Joshua (who was under Moses), not only be trained to fight but lead into battle.

3.1.2 Walk in obedience and submission. (Romans 13:1-2)

- Submission: Offer, as in surrender; yield oneself.

All authority is ordained by God.

- Remember: God will never establish you as an authority until you have learned to submit to authority.

3.1.3 Must provide strength for your leader

3.1.3.1 Display an attitude of faithfulness.

- a) Must be a self-motivated individual.
You must display victory in your own personal life. **DON'T BE A BURDEN!!**
- b) Be a sheep dog.
Our leaders have enough people that they shepherd over, they don't need another.

What does a sheep dog do?

- Tend to & Guard the flock of sheep (Even when the shepherd is

not present)

- Keeps the sheep from wandering off & getting lost
- Defends sheep in case of attack from other animals

3.1.4 Respect Leader

Have the utmost respect for leaders, acceptance for and tolerance of a leader's personality and way of doing things.

The goals should be the same.

3.1.5 Have the strength to keep going forward, even under harsh treatment.

1 Peter 2:20 – “But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God”.

- a) Character development will take place.
- b) Strength will come upon you when you encourage yourself. (1 Samuel 30:6)
- c) Victory will come forth. (Psalms 34:1)

3.1.6 Must place the highest priority on his/her leader's goals.

- a) Not to live for the fulfillment of our dreams & goals.

Set it as a goal to achieve our Pastors dreams & goals, then the Lord will make sure ours are fulfilled.

- b) Watch out for the “What about me?” syndrome.

What about my desires and my dreams?

God wants us to give our desires to Him and to work at fulfilling those of our Pastors, if we do so, God will see that ours are fulfilled.

3.1.7 Share and Guard the Vision! (2 Timothy 1:14)

- a) Internalize it, take ownership of it.
- b) Transmit it; sharing it.
- c) Protect it.



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