

POSITIONING FOR LIFTING

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It is important that all believers who look up to God position themselves properly so that God can bless them and lift them up. It is true that only God causes promotion to occur in the life of the believer, however, we must understand that promotions do not just occur. You have to be over qualified for your present position to be promoted to a higher position. A believer has to position himself for God to raise him.

In this teaching, you will learn eight ways of positioning yourself to be lifted by God.

1. Develop and maintain strong and stable faith.

Heb 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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2. Make yourself qualified by:

Isa 66:2

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

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- Develop a humble spirit.
- Develop a contrite (repentant) heart.
- Tremble at the word of God (be quick to walk in the light of God's word that you receive).

3. Maintain a vibrant prayer life.

Matt 7:7-8

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

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1 Thess 5:17

17 pray continually;

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James 5:16

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

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4. Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit

Ps 32:8-9

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. 9 Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

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Rom 8:14

14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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5. Make use of every opportunity that God gives you – seize opportunity.

Eph 5:16

16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

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- Kill procrastination
- Resist laziness
- Be a hard worker.

6. Keep negatives far from your mind.

Col 3:1-4

3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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Phil 4:8

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.

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- Always think positive about situations and experiences of life.
- Faith thinking positions you to receive help from God.

7. Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding.

Prov 3:5-8

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

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- Trust God and never doubt or question His wisdom.
- Even when you don't understand, believe and trust in the infinite wisdom of God our Saviour.

- Wait on God for instruction from His mouth, and work with whatever he will tell or show you.

8. **Live above sin.** Walking in righteousness positions one to be lifted. Discipline yourself to live free from all wrong habits and character.

Rom 6:11-14

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

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