

Moments of Inspiration

Elevated by the Most High by Iona Simmonds

A wise servant will rule over the son who causes shame, and will share an inheritance among the brothers. Proverbs 17:2

In wealthy families it is natural for parents or grandparents to leave an inheritance for future generations. In other communities an older person would will their estate, financial or otherwise to relatives, friends or servants. As I reflect on this verse I am reminded of the story of the prodigal son where the son demanded that his father give him his inheritance prematurely. His reckless lifestyle took him to the pig sty to dine.

Wow, what shame he caused his family. Back at the palace the servants and the younger son faithfully carried out their duties tending the animals, cooking, cleaning and much more. Servants are generally considered among the lowest status in the palace. God is not concerned with our socioeconomic status instead our heart's condition. Thus our sovereign Lord will raise up a faithful servant to replace the shameful son.

God sees the servant's heart and rewards him accordingly. Leadership is given based on wisdom, not biological position. A wise servant will hear, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for your faithfulness. You reward us according to our service not our earthly family position or possession. Your word tells us to humble ourselves under Your mighty hand and You will exalt us in due time. We know that if we are ashamed to own You now, we can never live with you in eternity. Cover us Lord, so that the enemy would never put us to shame and cause us to miss heaven. Preserve us for Your name's sake. Amen.