

The Making of a Man of God

I Kings 19:19-21 So he (**Elijah**) departed thence, and found **Elisha** the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with twelve yoke of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and **Elijah passed by him**, and **cast his mantle upon him**.
20 And he **left** the oxen, and **ran after** Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, **kiss my father and my mother**, and **then I will follow thee**. And he said unto him, **Go back again:** for what have I done to thee? 21 And **he returned back** from him, and **took a yoke of oxen**, and **slew them**, and **boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people**, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and **ministered unto him**.

1. **He was dedicated.**

a. **He left** all that he had to follow the man of God!

i. His **parents** and **possessions** 20 And he **left the oxen**, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, **kiss my father and my mother**, and *then* I will follow

thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

ii. He was rich. His family owned 12 yoke of oxen.

iii. Leaving all this is a mark of complete surrender

iv. This was complete surrender to the will of God for his life

b. Not only **did he leave it**, he **burned** it. **He was totally sold out.**

i. He killed the oxen

ii. He burned his plow

iii. He made an open, public decision

iv. He had no escape route planned

v. He burned his bridges **21** And he returned back from

him, and took a yoke of oxen, and **slew them**, and

boiled their flesh with the instruments of the

oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then

he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

c. **Nothing or no one could make him turn back**

i. Not his parents and family **20** And **he left the oxen**, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss

my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

ii. **Not even the man of God and how others treated him**

II Kings 2:2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, **Tarry**

here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath **sent me to Beth-el.** And Elisha said *unto him,* As the

Lord liveth, and **as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.** So they went down to Beth-el.

iii. 2:4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, **tarry here, I**

pray thee; for the Lord hath **sent me to**

Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and **as**

thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.

So they came to Jericho.

iv. 2:6 And Elijah said unto him, **Tarry, I pray**

thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me

to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and **as thy**

soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And

they two went on.

2. He was diligent. He paid the price to serve!

a. He had a spirit of humility, he left his riches to serve the man of God

i. He had 12 yoke of oxen 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with **twelve yoke of oxen before him**, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

ii. He was used to being in charge

iii. Now he leaves not for some great position or popularity but to serve the man of God

iv. He ministered to Elijah 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and **ministered unto him**.

v. He poured water on his hands II Kings 3:11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here

is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

b. He yielded or gave his life to be a servant not a leader 21

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3. He was a disciple or learner

a. He stuck to the man of God no matter what the difficulty
II Kings 2:1 *And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, **that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.***

b. He was hungry for God, His will, His presence

c. You will have to humble yourself to be trained.

d. You will have to do jobs that you consider beneath you

e. A disciple is under the teaching and discipline of another

4. He was desirous

- a. He had a burning desire to do something for God 20 And he left the oxen, and **ran after Elijah**, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?
- b. He was hungry for the power of God II Kings 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a **double portion of thy spirit be upon me.**
- c. It was obvious that he had the power of God on his life II Kings 2:15 And **when the sons** of the prophets which *were* to view at Jericho **saw him, they said,** The **spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.** And they came to meet him, and **bowed themselves to the ground before him.**