

Shunamite Lessons

Having a Heart God Hears

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2 Kings 4:8-11 (NLT2)

Lesson #1 The Shunamite was sensitive to the leading of God, which caused her to be hospitable.

- We must cultivate a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit

Mat 11:14 encourages us to “Have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying”

Matthew 13:16 (NLT2) Matthew 13:9 (AMP) Psalm 78:1 (AMP)

Prov 20:12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye the Lord has made them both

One of the ways we cultivate that is by:

- Being still - Palms 46:10 Be still and know that I am God
The word means Shunem: rest/quiet
- Be a person of the Word- His written and His spoken word

John 8:47 (NIV) 47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

John 12:49 (NIV) 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.

Lesson # 2 The Shunamite honored God by honoring His people

She honored God through her generosity to build a room to care for God’s servant.

We are living in an honor-less society, and with that we can subtly adopt the attitudes of the culture we live in.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NIV) 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

to honor our parents, Exodus 20:12 (AMP)

While honor is an internal attitude of respect, courtesy, and reverence, it should be accompanied by appropriate attention or even obedience. Honor without such action is incomplete; it is lip service

Lesson 3 - The Shunamite had a Generous Spirit

Honor is an act of a generous and humble heart.

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT2) Psalm 112:5-6

The Shunamite didn't give with a hook, she gave with a heart and as a result her giving was a seed that was sown, and God blessed her as a result.

2 Kings 4:11-17

The Shunammite woman, made room for God in her life and as a result God filled her womb with life.

Lesson 4 The Shunamite live a life of persistent TRUST

The Shunamite was no different than you or I, she lived in the same fallen world and sometimes bad things happen to good people. But when bad times came, **she held onto her trust in God.**

2 Kings 4:18-37

Her trust in God was revealed by her words...she spoke faith in the midst of her circumstances because she knew God was faithful. She placed her full trust in a trustworthy God.

Psalm 46:1-3,5 Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

She demonstrated her trust in what she released from her lips.

Let's view what took place when she met up with the man of God

2 Kings 4: 27- 37

She held her piece till she was with the man of God in whom God's presence was with, that was her direct line to God.

Romans 5:5 (NIV) Hebrews 6:19 (NIV) Hebrews 10:35-36

Psalm 37:7a (NLT2) 7 Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. ...

The Shunammite lived a life of divine appointments that not only helped others but was a continually source of provision in her life.

Because of her honor of God and her faith in God, God spoke to her in a critical time that brought care to her and her family.

2 Kings 8:1-6 (NLT2)

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT2)

People who have a heart that God hears understand that when you take care of God's business, He takes care of yours!