

Mantles: A Spiritual Investment Part 2!

KJV John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Elisha received Elijah's mantle and did twice the number of miracles!

Jesus said those who believe in ([entrust their lives to](#)) Him will do greater works than Himself!

Last week we shared the fact that **gifts and callings** are given for life but **mantles** are given for assignments and are to be left behind at the death of the wearer.

We talked about **seeing** ([perceiving, learning and understanding](#)) the life of the mantle wearer to receive the mantle once it's left behind!

KJV 1 Kings 19:15-19 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

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.

At this point in Elijah's ministry he has grown tired of the fight, so God allows him to retire but not before setting things in order anointing those who will continue the fight against evil.

Elijah's last assignment is to anoint new kings in Syria and Israel as well as anoint a **new prophet** (Elisha) to take Elijah's place.

[Each new servant of The Lord was anointed, but only Elisha got Elijah's mantle.](#)

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20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

It was such an honor to receive a **prophets mantle** that Elisha left 11 pairs of ox and the 12th pair he plowed with by themselves and chased the man of God down.

At that time horses were foreign to Israel an ox (cattle) was the most powerful and important animal one could own.

Some have calculated a yoke of oxen (two oxen) to cost as much as \$4000.00 by our standards today.

Elisha walked away from thousands of dollars to chase after a **mantle**.

And that was just part of his inheritance he was leaving behind to become an apprentice and wear the mantle of a man of God!

➤ Elisha was **investing** everything into receiving this **mantle**!

There's a price to pay to receive and walk under a mantle!

Jesus told a wealthy young man the cost of walking under His mantle:

KJV Mark 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, *One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.*

KJV Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Wearing the **mantle** of The Lord costs everything!

The reason more people don't carry a heavy anointing on their lives is because of the price that has to be paid!

I think sometimes the songs we sing get us confused—"Jesus Paid It All" is a wonderful song, but some have thought that means they do nothing, sacrifice nothing for God and receive everything!

Matthew 10:24 *The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.*

25 It is enough for a student to become like his teacher and a slave like his owner. If they have called the owner of the house Beelzebul, they will certainly call the family members the same name.

If they called Jesus names, they will call us names! If they said Jesus had devils, they will say we have devils, If they called Jesus crazy they will call us crazy!

Remember one must make an investment to wear a **mantle!**

GWN 2 Timothy 2:12 If we endure, we will rule with him. If we disown him, he will disown us.

An **investment** in stocks is acquiring a portion of a company and rising or falling with its success or failure. We rise and fall with the strength of the Kingdom.

- To **vest** someone is to clothe them with power and authority believing they have the same **vested** interest as you.

KJV Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Jesus **vested** (clothed) us with power (exousia) the right to use His power to gain victory over (stomp out) and stop the enemy's ability to hurt people!

- To **divest** is to strip someone of their assets or possessions.

Notice God hasn't taken all Satan's power yet, He just gave us **authority** over Satan's power.

The thing about **mantles of authority** is:

1. You must first know you have it (know your rights **1 Cor 2:12**))!
2. Then you must learn how to use it (exercise you Godliness **1 Tim 4:7**)!
3. Then you must use it properly for it to work (**Heb 5:14**)!

If you don't exercise **authority** over your children, they will grow up and use their **power** (strength) over you!

If you don't exercise your **authority** over nature, your front yard will grow weeds that will eventually overtake your property!

If you don't exercise your **authority** over your health sickness over power you!

KJV 2 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.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.