

Dwell Among Your Own by Kirk Hunt

And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?’”

She answered, “I dwell among my own people.”

[2 Timothy 1:16-18 NKJV](#)

The Shunammite woman spent time, effort and money on making a place of rest and restoration for Elisha. Elisha responded to her kindness and generosity with an offer of a favor. The Shunammite responded with “I dwell among my own people.”

In my mind’s eye, I see her response as annoyed or indignant. “I have what I need already. I do not need anything from an outsider.”

Her motives were pure. [Her service and benefit to the prophet were intended to further the work of God](#), nothing more. She wanted nothing from Elisha but the opportunity to serve God and dwell quietly among her [Issachar tribesmen](#).

Do you dwell among your people, or do you serve with an agenda? If your intention is to build God’s Kingdom, that is purpose enough. Also, consider that God has ways of rewarding his faithful servants. Sometimes, despite themselves.

Think: Is my service to God, or do I have an agenda?

Pray: “Father-God, I want to serve You with a pure heart and purpose.

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