

What is an Adjutant | Armorbearer?

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And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him gently; and he became his armorbearer, 1 Samuel 16:21

In the natural sense, an adjutant is one who helps a commanding officer with administrative affairs. The Online Etymology Dictionary defines an adjutant as a "military officer who assists superior officers." It also defines it as, one who helps, a helper, to give help, give strength, support."

According to Easton Bible Dictionary:

An armorbearer was an officer selected by generals and kings because of his bravery, not only to bear their armor but also to stand by them in the time of danger. They were the adjutants of our modern times.

In the religious realm, an adjutant is one who helps, assists, and gives strength and support to pastoral leadership. It is one who is able to consistently, willingly, be in place to be an aid to leadership. This applies to all those serving in any ministerial capacity, from the parking attendant to the associate minister.

In order to flow effectively, an adjutant should not be a babe in the faith. Look at the original definition. It defines an adjutant as a "military officer who assists superior officers." To qualify to be an adjutant, you must have a firm foundation. Officers are leaders and are trusted with assignments. Before I can sing in the choir, usher, work in the kitchen, serve in the nursery, etc., I must have a firm biblical foundation. There are more fallout in the choir, kitchen, and other

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departments where we place talent above calling and knowledge of God. Why? Often because we allow talented people to serve who have little root in the Word and they become easily offended (Mark 4:16-17). It takes more than talent to serve as an adjutant. You must also be called and have a biblical foundation before being released to serve.

And these are they likewise which are aown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a for a time; afterward, when afflictions or persecutions ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended, Mark 4:16-17

An adjutant must also have a loving relationship with God. He must be the center of attention and the motivating factor as to why one is serving. God alone is to be worshipped. Your love for God will help retrain you when you want to go off on someone. Your love for God will keep you committed to the assignment when you feel mistreated. Your love for God will help you stay focused on ministry.

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