



“Don’t lift up your horn on high; do not speak with a stiff neck. For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the Judge; He puts down one, and exalts another.” Psalm 75:5 – 7

As a musician I often joke that only a trumpet player can “blow his own horn.” While said “tongue and cheek,” today’s society is almost void of anyone who understands what this phrase means for we have all been taught to “look out for number one” – meaning, put yourself ahead of all others, and that, at any cost!

That is carnal or natural thinking. It is diametrically opposed to the viewpoint of the Kingdom of God. “Let another man praise you and not your own mouth, a stranger and not your own lips.” (Proverbs 27:2). To speak our own praise is never fitting, in fact, it is often ugly.

At issue here is the patience and faith of character that trusts the Lord to speak up for us, either by using someone else other than ourselves or allowing our own good deeds and faithfulness to speak on our behalf. Yes, your faithfulness, day in and day out, speak more clearly than your own words ever could. The believer must determine within himself – to make a quality choice – that demands that if your praise is to be sung, it must come from another’s lips! This is a test of the highest order.

Wait upon the Lord for His promotion. Be faithful, work hard, hold your tongue, nurture your expectancy and you will see – and so will everyone else – the Lord’s hand of blessing moving on your behalf.

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“As God’s messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you.” Romans 12:3
NLT

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