

## **Essay from the bold Pastor**

### **#212 - 14 Years Old Super-model -**

Sophie Mechetner, a beautiful 14 years old Israeli middle school girl has signed a contract with Christian Dior a leading fashion brand in France for \$265,000 as a fashion model. Mechetner, 6 feet tall who was originally from the suburb of Telavi made her debut in 2015-2016 Fall/Winter collection.

She used to live with her mother, younger brother and sister in a small apartment with two bedrooms in Telavi. Her mother was a divorcee who made only \$1000 a month while raising three children. As Sophie was looking for a work to help the family, she got an idea that modelling career was best for her because of her height. In fact, many in her hometown already assumed Sophie was a professional model since she was tremendously tall.

Then she and her mother visited Roberto, a modelling agency in Telavi. Rotem Gur, Roberto's CEO discovered a great potential in this young girl and decided to fly to Paris with her. Sophie took a plane for the first time in her life, heading to Paris for an audition and a fashion photoshoot. However, her hopes were dashed as soon as she set foot in the door in CDG Airport of Paris. She was very striking, but most agency told that she was simply too young for the modelling profession at 14. Modelling for those under 16 is prohibited in UK, USA and Italy. In France, there is no such age limit, but many think this career is too harsh for minors, since the privacy is severely deprived.

Dejected without any gain, Sophie and Rotem entered a Christian Dior store on Paris's iconic Avenue de Montaigne a day before heading back to Israel. Upon entering a Christian Dior store, Mr. Gur glimpsed a familiar face standing by. It was none other than Dior's chief designer, Raf Simons. As soon as Gur introduced Mechetner to his old acquaintance, Simons instantaneously recognized her outstanding quality and recruited her right after a brief conversation.

In the Bible, adults often put down the youth for their age and lack of experience. David who later became a king of Israel confronted Goliath the giant when he was a minor. However, Saul who was the king of Israel during these days, told him,

**“You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”**

**I Samuel 17:33**

However, David who was a mere shepherd boy managed to defeat the giant with a single sling, which was an instrument to protect sheep. This incident did not make him a king instantaneously, but it was only the beginning of a long process of trial. Nevertheless, this incident was the first step of a series of necessary trainings that God prepared for David, so that he could become a great man of God later in his life. It is important for all of us to trust God initiating the very first step of our career development despite young and unexperienced. By doing so, we will step into a great theatre of life, though life is often very difficult.

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