

How to Be a Mighty Man (or Woman) for God

Faith Series -- Week 3

1 Chron 11:15 Three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, and the army of the Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. 16 David was then in the stronghold, and the Philistines' garrison was in Bethlehem. 17 And David longingly said, Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate! 18 Then the three [mighty men] broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate and brought it to David. But David would not drink it; he poured it out to the Lord, 19 And said, My God forbid that I should do this thing. Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of their lives they brought it. So he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. AMP

- When we walk by sight, we limit the PRESENCE of God in our decision making.
- Our faith does not depend upon our ability to believe, but upon God's ability to impart faith and TRUTH to us.
- David was great because he has GREAT MEN about him; take these away and life would have been much harder.

Several truths about these might men of God:

1. They were ATTENTIVE.v18
NEGLECT brings about failure to hear and understand what God desires.
2. They took ACTION.
3. They were ABANDONED.
4. They had an attitude of HUMILITY.

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Humility is a LEARNED behavior.

5. They ADJUSTED their lives to God's will.

People God **Cannot** Use:

1. People who think they know what is BEST
2. People who put LIMITS on God
3. People with DIVIDED hearts

The battle between flesh and spirit can and will divide our LOYALTIES

James 1:7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

The first requirement for such belief is godly UNDERSTANDING.

Strong, sound faith is not based on feelings but on knowledge and understanding of the promises of God's truth, which is spiritual wisdom.

4. People who will not LISTEN to God
5. People who SHRINK back from God

Heb 10:38 But the just shall live by faith [My righteous servant shall live by his conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it]; and if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him.

People God **Can** Use:

1. People who are certain about Who they are FOLLOWING
2. People who are committed to God's PURPOSE
3. People who are CAPABLE, but completely dependent
4. People who are confident in God's protection and provision
5. People who are COURAGEOUS in the face of the enemy and trials
6. People who care more about the King than the comforts of life
7. People who are committed to CHRIST-LIKENESS.