

Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV)

²⁴ "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."





- **→**Temptations -
- **→**Trials / Frustrations
- **♦**Sin
- **→** Persecution -
- **→** Sickness / Disabilities -
- **→** Family problems -
- **→** Death -

THE VALUE OF A GODLY ATTITUDE



- → A man after God's own heart - 1 Sam 13:14;16:1-7
- Consider the contrast in attitudes between Saul and David − 1 Sam. 13:1-14; 15-18; Acts 13:22; Ps 51
- ◆ Such is the kingdom of heaven Mat. 5:3-12;13:18-23; Jam. 1:21-25

THE VALUE OF HARD WORK



→ Worked in the fields as a shepherd tending his fathers sheep –

1 Sam 16:11; 17:12-15

→ Served Saul as musician and armor bearer –

1 Sam. 16:21

→ Dependable -

1 Sam 16:11,23; 17:16-22

THE VALUE OF HARD WORK



- → God calls and uses
 workers (Moses, Gideon,
 Elisha, Peter, James, John,
 etc. Neh 4:6; Eccl. 9:10;
 Rom. 12:11; Col. 3:23) -
- → How useful are the lazy in the kingdom of God?

- Prov. 6:6-11; 18:9; 22:13;

Titus 2:14; 2 Pet 1:5-11



1 Samuel 16:14-18 (NKJV)

... ¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." 18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."

THE VALUE OF A GOOD REPUTATION



- → Talents recognized (18)
- ★ A man of valor A man of strength & courage - (18)
- ★ A man of war i.e. he has the qualities of a great warrior (18)
- → **Prudent** wise, one of good understanding (18; 18:5,14)
- → Handsome a man of good presence (18)
- \rightarrow God is with him (18)



Ecclesiastes 7:1 (NKJV)

¹ A good name *is* better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth;



Ecclesiastes 10:1 (NKJV)

¹ Dead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, And cause it to give off a foul odor; *So does* a little folly to one respected for wisdom *and* honor.



Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.



Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

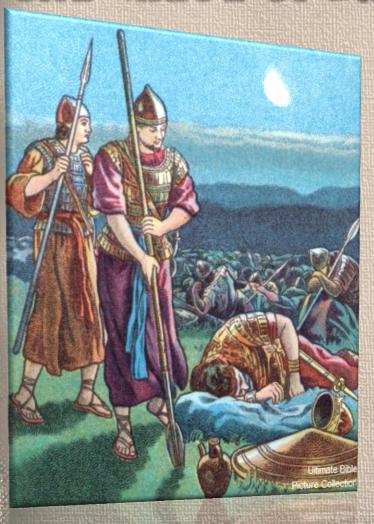
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Building A Life That Endures The Value of Respect For Authority

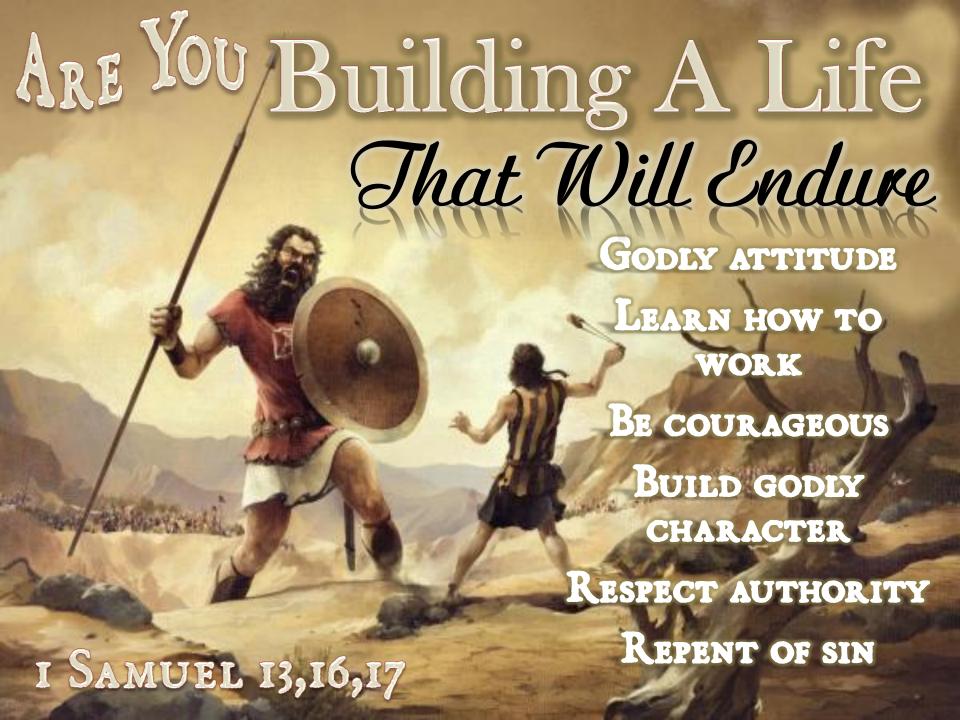


→ Spared Saul's life -

- Cave in in the Wilderness of En Gedi - (1 Sam. 24)
- Saul's encampment at the hill of Hachilah in the Wilderness of Ziph. –
 (1 Sam 26:9-12)
- → David's respect for God's authority - (22:10; 23:2,4, 11,16; 1 Chron. 15:2,13)

Building A Life That Endures A PENITENT HEART

- **↑ At Nathan's rebuke –** (2 Sam. 12:1-15)
- → Described in Psalm 51 -
 - ➤ His recognition & confession (1-3)
 - ➤ His shame (3-6)
 - ➤ His plea (7-12)
 - ➤ His resolve (13-17)



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