

Heroes

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Key Text

Acts 15:13-18

Heroes producing heroes.

Relating back to Eph 5:15-21

The church today is intimidated by the spiritual giants* around us. David battled giants and inspired others to imitate him.

David did have failings such as adulterous behaviour and he committed murder, yet David was a hero, 'The sweet psalmist of Israel' (2 Sam 23:1).

Who are These Spiritual Giants?

Our giants cannot be killed because they are spiritual; they can only be bound for a time.

Example: Jesus took authority over Satan, but he did not kill him.

Four Types of Spiritual Giants:

Religion

A spirit of religion is when a movement of God is turned into a monument and it will then persecute the next movement. Religion is intimidated by freedom and is offended by different expressions of worship. We must always remain flexible in our attitude. Have the freedom to do what God calls you to do.

Example: the type of music used in church, what people wear to church, predictable and safe traditions

2 Sam 6 (David's response when the Ark was returned to Israel)

Rebellion

This spirit is evident from a very young age. This is anything that is against authority. Our government has authority over us because God gave them that authority (Rom 13:1-7, 1 Tim 2:2). The church needs to be submitted to others to prevent weird doctrines and strange teachings.

1 Sam 24 (David repented to Saul when he had an opportunity to kill him)

Poverty

Poverty is an attitude of thinking that you do not have enough to do the will of God. Being a Christian is about sowing and giving, not just receiving. God is our provider. Look for ways to be generous to others. Give your full tithe (10%) to God.

2 Sam 24:22-25 (David paid the cost of the offering)

Apathy

This is exemplified in the "She'll be right mate" attitude.

1 Chr 28:10 (David planned the temple, even when God told him he would not build it)

Practical Application

The world needs Christian heroes who can set a Godly example of living.

* Eph 6:13 – Principalities of darkness