

HIDDEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

Three Warriors Who Became Water Boys for their King.

2 Samuel 23:8-17

Humble people...

Attempt great things for God.

Misconception: Humble people do nothing.

Misconception: Humble people don't make choices.

Leave the results to God.

Prideful people demand a vote.

Prideful people demand results.

Getting Started: Which “mighty man” character was your favorite growing up and why: Superman? Batman? Lone Ranger? Mighty Mouse? Popeye? Robin Hood? Ultra Man? Who do you consider a humble person? Why? What kind of impact have they had on you and others?

Digging In: What kind of man do you imagine the typical “mighty man of David” was? Does the description of the gathering of these men in 1 Samuel 22:2 surprise you? What is similar between Eleazar and Shammah (vs 9-12)? What do you think that David thought and felt when his mighty men offered him the water? List at least five ways his mighty men could have reacted when David poured the water on the ground? What does this action say about David (vs 16-17)? What does this story say to you about humility? How do you see Jesus taking action, making choices and leaving the results to the Father in Php 2vs5-11?

Living It Out: What kind of misconceptions do you believe people have about humble people? What kind of great things do you want to attempt for God? Look at the contrasts on the back of the notes between proud people and broken people. Which boxes would you check? How does pride make it hard for you to leave the results of what you do for God up to God? How might pride distract you from doing great things for God in the future?

PROUD, UNBROKEN PEOPLE

- Focus on the failures of others
- Look down on others
- Independent; have a self-sufficient spirit
- Maintain control; must have their way
- Have to prove that they are right
- Claim rights
- Have demanding spirit
- Desire to be served
- Desire for self-advancement
- Are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked
- Think "the ministry is privileged to have me!"
- Feel confident in how much they know
- Are self-conscious
- Are quick to blame others
- Are unapproachable
- Are defensive when criticized
- Are concerned with being respectable
- Work to maintain image and reputation
- Want to be sure no one finds out about their sin
- Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong. Would you forgive me?"
- Are concerned about the consequences of their sin
- Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor
- Don't think they have anything to repent of

HUMBLE, BROKEN PEOPLE

- Overwhelmed with their own spiritual need
- Esteem all others better than self
- Have dependent spirit; recognize others' needs
- Surrender control
- Are willing to yield the right to be right
- Yield rights
- Having a giving spirit
- Are motivated to serve others
- Desire to promote others
- Rejoice when others are lifted up
- Think, "I don't deserve to serve in this ministry!"
- Are humbled by how much they have to learn
- Have no concern with self at all
- Accept personal responsibility; can see when wrong
- Are easy to be entreated
- Receive criticism with a humble, open heart
- Are concerned with being real
- Die to own reputation
- Are willing to be exposed; know once broken; there's nothing to lose
- Are quick to admit fault and to initiate forgiveness
- Are grieved over the root of their sin
- Compare themselves with the holiness of God and feel desperate for mercy
- Have a continual attitude toward repentance