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Renewed: Living Life God's Way! Pt. 8

Proverbs 14:23, *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*

1 Samuel 17:1, *Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at ... Judah. ... 3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. 4 A champion named Goliath... His height was six cubits and a span. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.*

Problems We All Face In Life And At The Office:

Problem #1: Others Will Hold YOU BACK

1 Samuel 17:12, *... Jesse had eight sons... 13 Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war... 14 David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, 15 but **David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.***

Answer: You Need PATIENCE

Problem #2: Legitimate Obstacles And FEAR

1 Samuel 17:8, *Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of*

Israel ... 10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, **Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified**... 16 **For forty days** the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand... 24 Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in **great fear**.

Answer: Listen For God's Voice And Develop A **PLAN**

Problem #3: Dealing With DIFFICULT PEOPLE

1 Samuel 17:28, *When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? **And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness?** I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."* 29 *"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"*

Answer: Don't Let Difficult People **DISCOURAGE YOU**

Problem #4: Other People Will DOUBT YOUR ABILITY

1 Samuel 17:32, *David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."* 33 *Saul replied, "**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.**"*

Answer: Trust God And Do Your **BEST WORK**

1 Samuel 16:7, *But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

How To Win At Life And Work:

-Remember How God Has Helped You IN TIMES PAST

1 Samuel 17:36, *Your servant has **killed both the lion and the bear**; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them...* 37 **The LORD Who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this**

Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

-Don't Try to Be Someone YOU ARE NOT

1 Samuel 17:38, Then ***Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.*** 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

-Use the Tools God HAS GIVEN YOU

1 Samuel 17:40, Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, ***put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand,*** approached the Philistine.

-Expect God To Help You FOR HIS GLORY

1 Samuel 17:45, David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but ***I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty...*** 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

Action Steps:

- Make a list of your obstacles and opportunities then ask God how He wants you to respond to each one.
- Make worship a priority: Saturday 5:00p, Sundays 9:30a & 11:00a, or Online at www.cottonwoodcreek.org
- Go by the Connect Wall and find a Life Group or Home Group to join.
- Read or listen the Pastor's Daily Devotional on social media FB: John Mark Caton or Instagram.