

You Can Win Victories

The Thrill of Living Like Dave (part 3)

*Win victories for truth
and mercy and justice.*
Psalm 45:4 CEV



How to Win Victory: First Give God the Victory Over Me

❖ Have a Tiny Head

If anyone thinks he is something **when he is nothing**, he deceives himself.
Galatians 6:3 NIV

When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel noticed Jesse's oldest son, Eliab. **“He has to be the one** the Lord has chosen,” Samuel said to himself. But the Lord told him, “Samuel, don’t think Eliab is the one just because he’s tall and handsome. He isn’t the one I’ve chosen. People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by **what is in their hearts.**”
1 Samuel 16:6-7 CEV

Jesse sent for David. He was a healthy, good-looking boy with a sparkle in his eyes. As soon as David came, the Lord told Samuel, “He’s the one! Get up and pour the olive oil on his head.” Samuel poured the oil on David's head **while his brothers watched.**
1 Samuel 16:12-13 CEV

Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is **with the sheep.**”
1 Samuel 16:19 NIV

❖ Give Myself to God’s Agenda

This is the one I esteem: he who is **humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.**
Isaiah 66:2 NLT

This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. ... **the whole world will know that there is a God** in Israel. **All those gathered here will know** that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s ...
1 Samuel 17:46-47 NIV

The **soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David**; and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ... He became totally committed to David. From that point on he would be **David’s number-one advocate and friend.**
1 Samuel 18:1 KJV Msg

Jonathan made a covenant with David, a pledge of mutual loyalty, swore eternal friendship
1 Samuel 18:3 NIV GWV GNB

So **give yourselves completely to God.** Stand against the devil, and the devil will run from you. **Come near to God**, and God will come near to you. You sinners, clean sin out of your lives. **You who are trying to follow God and the world at the same time**, make your thinking pure.
James 4:7-8 NCV

❖ Do My Job Well

We should not look out for our own interests. Instead, we should look out for the interests of others.
1 Corinthians 10:24 NIRV

But David went back and forth so he could **help his father with the sheep** in Bethlehem. ... One day Jesse said to David, “Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers.”
1 Samuel 17:15-17 NLT

David did **everything Saul sent him to do.** He did it so well that Saul gave him a high rank in the army.
1 Samuel 18:5 NIRV

In the same way, you younger men must **accept the authority** of the elders. And **all of you, serve each other in humility**, for “God opposes the proud but favors the humble.” **So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.** Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.
1 Peter 5:5-7 NLT