

David & Goliath

The Story of a Giant and a Really Tall Guy



1. Be More Apt to _____

(vv.1-27)

2. Be Willing to _____

(vv.28-44)

3. Be Ready to _____

(vv.45-58)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.

1. Read Psalm 139:23-24. It is always good to start there when seeking to become more sensitized to the "defiance" that offends God. Pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24, then write down anything that comes to mind that you sense is coming to light in response to that sincere request.

In what "zealous way" can you proceed to rectify these offenses?

2. Carefully think through the people, settings, and environments that you come in contact with in an average week. What is it about those people, settings, and environments that clearly stand in opposition to God, his standards, and/or his people? In what ways do they "defy" God or the things God loves?

How offended are you at these things? Have you become complacent about the things that offend God? To what degree?

Quality time spent with a perfectly holy God in prayer and Bible study helps us to share his offenses. How are you doing in these spiritual disciplines? How can they improve? How can your small group help you be more consistent and ardent in these areas?

3. What would be at stake if you decided to clearly make a stand for Jesus Christ in the areas that offend him this week? What negative things *could* conceivably happen if you did?
4. Our words expressed through a heart that is guided by God's Spirit are the most common way we fight modern battles of godless defiance. As Chrysostom once preached in the fourth century, *"The Apostle Paul brought down no Goliath by the hurling of a stone, but by merely speaking he scattered the whole array of the Devil; as a lion roaring and darting out flame from his tongue, so was he found unconquerable by all"* (*The Nicene & Post-Nicene Fathers*; vol.12; homily 25). What exactly might you say this week to defend God's honor in the shadow of your defiant Goliaths?
5. Memorize 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.