

Good and Godly Advice

A Lesson from the Life of
King David

Background

Throughout the life of David, we have an opportunity to see that the Lord helps him through the advice and guidance of other people. This occurrence is critical because just as the Lord sent David good, Godly advice through other people, He also uses others to help us find our way. The job of the Christian is to distinguish good, Godly advice from people who have our best interest at heart from advice that is faulty and not sent to us from the Lord.

David Receives Advice...

- David marries King Saul's daughter, Michal. Eventhough he is the King's son-in-law, David is still dealing with Saul's jealousy and Saul's intent to kill him. When Saul closes in on David, at just the right time, David receives some good advice from his wife.
– I Samuel 19: 11-17

David's Wife, Michal



Michal helps to save David's life...

By warning and advising David of the danger that he is in, Michal, in effect, saves her husband's life. David listens to his wife's advice and successfully escapes Saul and his men and their attempt to kill him.

There are times in our lives when our family members, friends and co-workers try to warn us about something. It could be a warning about someone who is in our lives, or a warning about our behavior and how our own actions might eventually serve to harm us.

Question for Thought: Do you listen to advice when it is good and Godly? Or do you reject it and tell the people who love you to "stay out of your business".

Life Lesson: We all must make our own decisions as adults, however, when someone gives you good, Godly advice, you owe it to yourself to at least hear what they have to say and consider it. I have never met a person who has purposely given bad advice to someone they truly love and care about.

David, Nabal and Abigail

- Samuel dies and later David confronts a situation in which his ability to control his anger is tested.
 - I Samuel 25: 1-9
 - Nabal is a very wealthy man and David and his men have respected and protected Nabal's property and they have been good to the men who have worked for him. In return, David just asks that Nabal give him and his men something to eat and drink because they are in a time of need.
 - I Samuel 25: 10-13
 - Nabal responds by insulting David and then David responds in anger. He plans to kill Nabal and destroy everything he has.

Question for Thought: David temper has taken over and in the heat of the moment, he is about to do something irrational. Have you ever done or thought about doing something irrational in the heat of the moment? How might you better handle yourself when overcome with negative emotions?



Abigail gives good advice...

Abigail, Nabal's wife, receives word that her husband has greatly insulted David and that David and his men are now going to seek revenge. Abigail steps in and tries to bring peace to a potentially disastrous situation.

I Samuel 25: 18-27

Question for Thought: Did Abigail do the right thing when she intervened in a dispute between her husband and David. Did she step outside of her role? What can we learn from Abigail in terms of our role in dispute between other people?

- I Samuel 25: 32-35

- David tells Abigail that because her good advice and judgment that she kept him from wrongdoing. He tells her “I have heard your words and granted your request”. David accepted Abigail’s good, Godly advice and it served to help him make the right decision in the situation he was faced with.

Life Lesson: Your actions and advice have the power to stop someone from making a big mistake...and listening to good, Godly advice can help you make the right choices in your life. Learn to identify advice which is sent from the Lord and then heed that advice...