

## David pt7 - The Reward of the Bag Watchers

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[1Sa 30:22-25 NASB95] 22 Then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead [them] away and depart." 23 Then David said, "You must not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us, who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us. 24 "And who will listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike." 25 So it has been from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

- In my opinion there is really no such thing as a self-made man. Successful people have been assisted by others. The good ones know this fact and reward them. The toxic ones forget to bless those who helped them succeed.
- God had just given David and his group of 600 a great victory. At one point, 200 stayed behind to watch the bags of the entire group. The 400 were helped by the 200. The 400 did not want to give any reward to the 200.
- V. 24 – those who battle and those who watch baggage...they shall share alike.

**What are some principles we can learn from David's ordinance?**

**Here are four crucial principles we can learn from David's ordinance.**

### **I. God is not unjust.**

- a. The soldier and the supplier get rewarded.
- b. [Heb 6:10 NASB95] 10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.
- c. You need to know that God sees, and He will not forget what you are doing for Him.

### **II. We are partakers together.**

- a. [Phl 1:3-7 NASB95] 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 [For I am] confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.
- b. David Guzik - Paul's thankfulness, joy, and desire to pray for the Philippians was right because they stood beside him in his trials for the gospel, and they received the same grace he did (you all are partakers with me of grace).
- c. When we partner together, the same grace (spiritual empowerment and blessing) is shared.
- d. Allow this help you get into fellowship with the ministry of the Gospel. Church. Missions.

### **III. Different roles, all appointed by God.**

- a. [1Co 12:28 NASB95] 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, [various] kinds of tongues.
- b. There are no big "I" s and little "you" s. in the body of Christ. We are all appointed by God.
- c. We differ in positions and authority, but we are all appointed by God and needed.
- d. The children's church helper is just as called the apostle or prophet.

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- e. [Mat 25:23 NASB95] 23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
- f. Be faithful in the role God has you.

### IV. What you enable, God rewards.

- a. [Mat 10:42 NASB95] 42 "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41 would indicate the "little ones" were the disciples.)
  - b. You give to help others, God rewards you.
  - c. [3Jo 1:1-8 NASB95] 1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. 3 For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, [that is,] how you are walking in truth. 4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth. 5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially [when they are] strangers; 6 and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. 7 For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. 8 Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth.
  - d. Gaius was an enabler (v. 6-8). The is the reason for the wish to prosper and be in good health (v. 2).
  - e. When you enable others (giving, helping, serving) God will reward you.
- **God wants us to know that as we determine to serve and give as a hidden servant or a prominent servant that He will reward us.**