Christian Character

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INTRODUCTION

- You read something about a person, and you said, Wow, that is such a great example for somebody to be, for me to be, just like this man.
- We're going to read about Abigail, David, and Nabal in 1 Samuel the 25th chapter.
- I want to make sure that we get the whole concept of this story about David, Nabal, and Abigail, and all the concepts that we can take to our lives.

1 The Story of David, Nabal, and Abigail

1 Samuel 25:2–42

- The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife, Abigail. And she was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in his doings.
- Then Nabal answered David's servants and said, Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse?
- Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belongs to him. And he has repaid me evil for good.
- Blessed is your advice, and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed from avenging myself with my own hand.

2 The Characteristics of Nabal

1 Samuel 25:3

- His name itself tells what kind of guy he is, that he's a fool, that he's senseless.
- He's harsh and evil, according to 1 Samuel 25th chapter, verse 3.
- That he's dishonest. He's vagrant. He's a tramp, unscrupulous person, no moral principles.
- Now, is this how we want to be like this, like Nabal? We can be.
- What is our Christian characteristics like? How is our character toward other people?

3 The Characteristics of Abigail

- Her name actually means the father of joy.
- She has all this good understanding, that she has beautiful appearance, and she's wise.
- That she loved God. She didn't want him to sin against him.
- Her bravery and her humbleness that she bowed down to him.
- We need to humble ourselves, that we need to be brave, that we need to stand up for the truth, that we need to flee from sin when it confronts us.

4 We Should Humble Ourselves

1 Samuel 25:32–33

- We should humble ourselves and admit sometimes that we're wrong. Just like David did right here in verse 32 and 33.
- I'm going to take my pride and I'm going to swallow it.
- I need my brethren here. I need to humble myself, just like David did.
- And that's why we need everybody in here.

5 Christian Characteristics in Romans 12

Romans 12:9–21

- How about love without hypocrisy? That we love somebody, not say, I love your brother, and then go back and talk behind their back about them.
- How about being kind to somebody? Man, I tell you that's a hard concept there. How about have brotherly love?
- We don't want to repay no evil for evil, just like with David.
- They're actually in the scriptures. That's where I pulled these concepts from. I didn't make them up.
- Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love.

THE CHALLENGE

But the biggest thing right now is how are you in your heart and in your mind? Have you been baptized into Christ?

MY NOTES