



Choice Servants

2 Samuel 23

In the course of our lives, there are many people who intersect our hearts. Some, like a comet across the sky, they are there for just a few brief moments. Others, become life long friends.

There are Two Avenues of people in our lives:

Without Choice

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Prov 4:23

Prov 22:5

With Choice

- Friends who will be _____
- Those who have a deep spiritual _____ in our lives
- Those who honor the same _____ as you do

- We need to be willing to serve all people (Gal 6:10)
If we only serve our friends and the people we like, what is the outcome of that?

What lesson is to be drawn from the parable of the good Samaritan?

When Jesus said to 'love your enemy' (Mt 5:44) what would that mean?

Who were the enemies to the Jew?

- Because we help someone and serve a need does not necessarily mean that person ought to be invited into my heart. We must be picky about who we allow to influence us and guide us.

A. This takes us to the powerful lesson of David's Three Mighty Men (2 Samuel 23:8-12, 23)

1. Adino (8): killed _____ at one time
2. Eleazar (9-10): struck the Philistines until his hand was _____
3. Shammah (11-12): _____ a plot of land against the enemy

They proved that they were loyal, faithful and dependable. They were willing to sacrifice for David (23:13-17)

- Prov 18:24 There is an old saying, "one can never have too many friends." Yet God says otherwise. Why?
- Prov 27:6 the words of a true friend can make an eternal difference in our lives

B. Principles of serving that Jesus teaches us:

1. The Do Nots

- sound a _____ (Mt 6:2): which means what?
- let the left hand know what the right hand is _____ (Mt 6:3): which means what?

2. The Dos

- Give in _____ (Mt 6:4): why?
- Treat others the way you want _____ to treat you (Mt 7:12)
- Recognize what you do is _____ in Heaven (Mt 10:42)
- What we do for others _____ how we treat Jesus (Mt 25:34-40; 1 Jn 4:20)