

DEVELOPING A SPIRITUAL MINDSET

Part 6: The Mindset Contrast

Text: Romans 8:6 NKJV

THE MINDSET CONTRAST (*Psalms 1:1-3 NKJV*)

- Three areas to avoid
 1. Advice from the ungodly - no acknowledgment of God and His ways (***James 4:6 NKJV***)
 2. The path of sinners (actions and ways) (***Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV***)
 3. Seat of scornful - the cynical and critical (***Romans 14:12-13 NKJV***)
- The spiritual mindset
 1. Delight in God's Word (***Romans 7:22 NKJV***)
 2. Meditate on a consistent basis

CONTRAST EXAMPLES

- David at Ziklag
 1. He and his 600 men were pursuing the Amalekites
 2. David experienced a setback on the way (***1 Samuel 30:9-10 NKJV***)
 3. David and his men though outnumbered, won (***1 Samuel 30:17-19 NKJV***)
 4. David gets bad counsel (***1 Samuel 30:21-24 NKJV***)
 5. David's spiritual mindset (***Romans 15:1-2 NKJV***)
- David, Nabal, and Abigail
 1. David and his men protected Nabal's servants during shearing time. (***1 Samuel 25:10-13 NKJV***)
 2. David and his men were going to kill all the males in Nabal's household
 3. David gets godly counsel from Abigail (***1 Samuel 25:30-33 NKJV***) (***1 Peter 3:9 NKJV***)

Romans 8:6 NKJV

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Psalms 1:1-3 NKJV

1 Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

James 4:6 NKJV

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:
“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV

13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Romans 14:12-13 NKJV

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way.

Romans 7:22 NKJV

22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

1 Samuel 30:9-10 NKJV

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

1 Samuel 30:17-19 NKJV

17 Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. 19 And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.

1 Samuel 30:21-24 NKJV

21 Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he greeted them. 22 Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart."

23 But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the Lord has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us. 24 For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike."

Romans 15:1-2 NKJV

15 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

1 Samuel 25:10-13 NKJV

10 Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?"

12 So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words. 13 Then David said to his men, "Every man gird on his sword." So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred stayed with the supplies.

1 Samuel 25:30-33 NKJV

30 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel, 31 that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the Lord has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

32 Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! 33 And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand.

1 Peter 3:9 NKJV

9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.