

DEFEATING YOUR GIANTS

Ignoring The Contrary People

Contrary - someone who is opposed to your direction - someone who is against you

The Contrary People

_____ - His Dad

1 Samuel 16:11 Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." "Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."

_____ - His Brothers

1 Samuel 17:26 David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"

27 And these men gave David the same reply. They said, "Yes, that is the reward for killing him."

28 But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"

29 "What have I done now?" David replied. "I was only asking a question!"

30 He walked over to some others and asked them the same thing and received the same answer.

_____ - The Experts

1 Samuel 17:31 Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.

32 "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

33 "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

_____ - The Champion

1 Samuel 17:41 Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, 42 sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy.

43 "Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods.

44 "Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled.

How To Persist Despite The Contrary People

They Are Not God

Psalm 118:6 The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?

Proverbs 29:25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.

The Difference Between Wise Advice And Pessimism

Proverbs 20:18 Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without wise advice.

Are They Scripturally And Spiritually Right?

Are They My Authority?

Are They Willing To Go Into Battle With Me?

Is This For My Benefit Or God's?

To Get Distracted

Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

24 Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech.

25 Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.

26 Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

27 Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

The Urge To Attack Back

Proverbs 11:12 It is foolish to belittle one's neighbor; a sensible person keeps quiet.

1 Peter 2:23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

Focused On God And His Promises

1 Samuel 30:6 David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

Psalm 18:29 In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall.

30 God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.