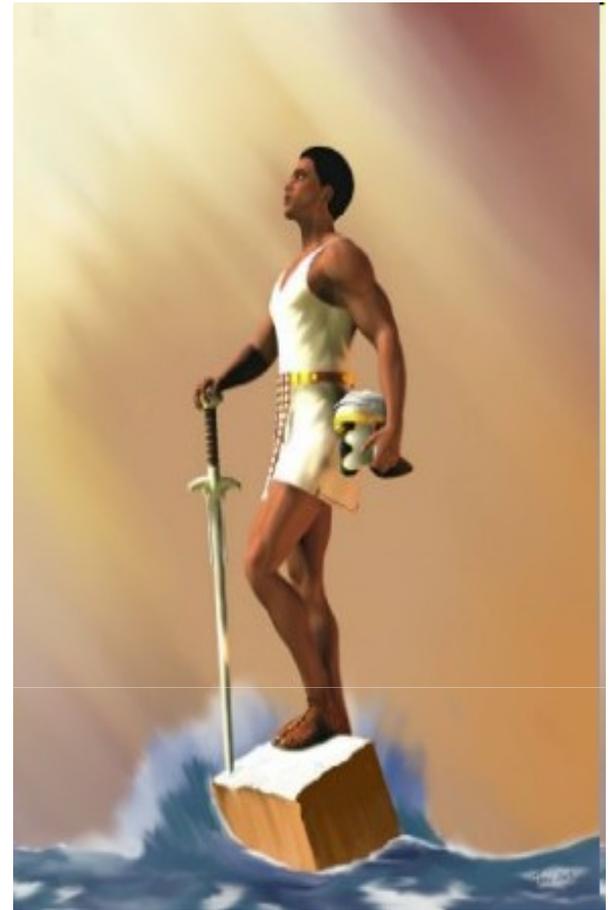


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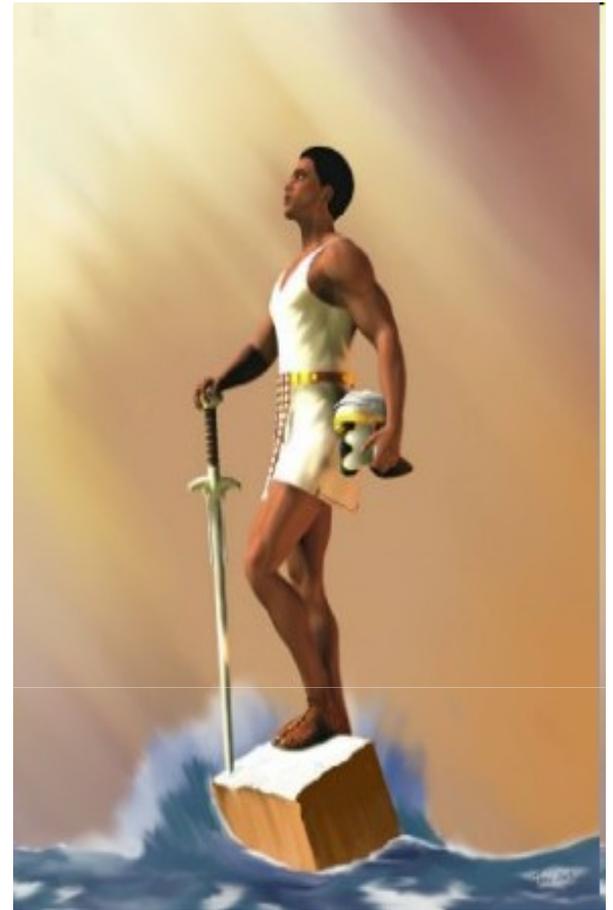
Qualities of a Man of God



Lesson Scriptures

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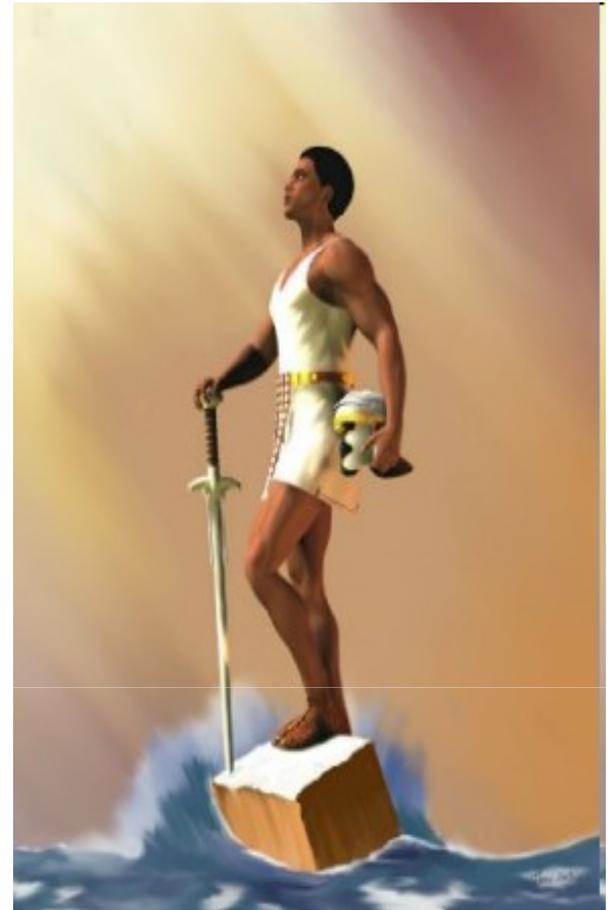
1 SAMUEL 16:18



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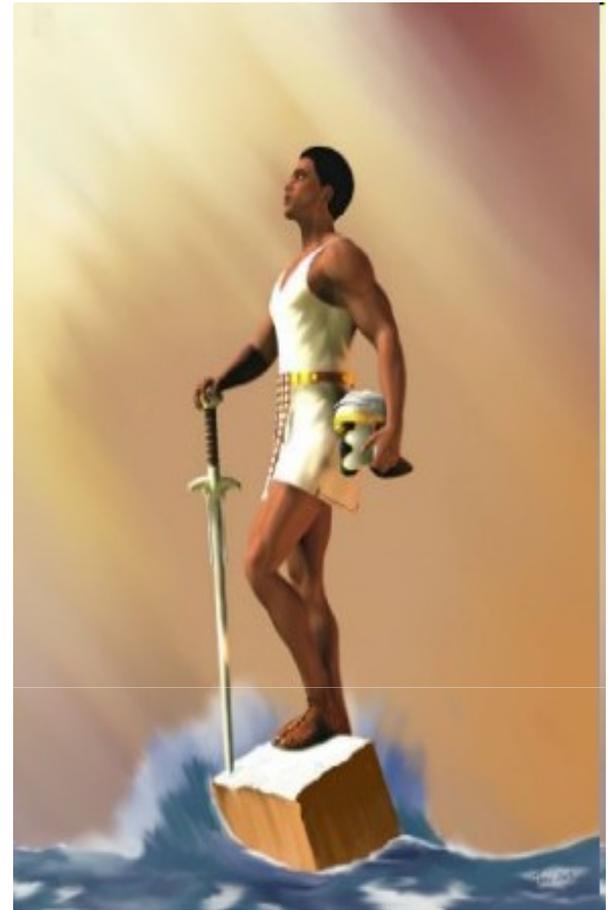
1Sam. 13:14: “...the LORD hath sought him a man *after his own heart...*”

1Sam. 16:18: “Then answered one of the servants and said, behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is **cunning in playing**, and a **mighty valiant man**, and a **man of war**, and **prudent in matters**, and a **comely person**, and **the LORD is with him.**”



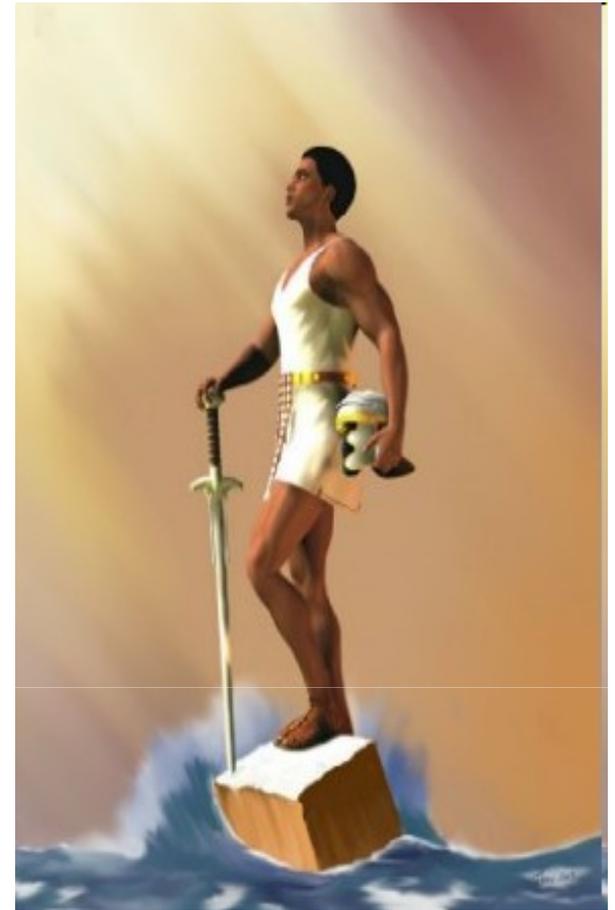
Important Points:

- David did not promote himself. A need had arisen, and therefore God had put David on someone's heart. If we trust God, then there is no need to put ourselves up front. If we are diligent about the task that God has already given us, He will cause someone to take notice and promote us to a greater work.



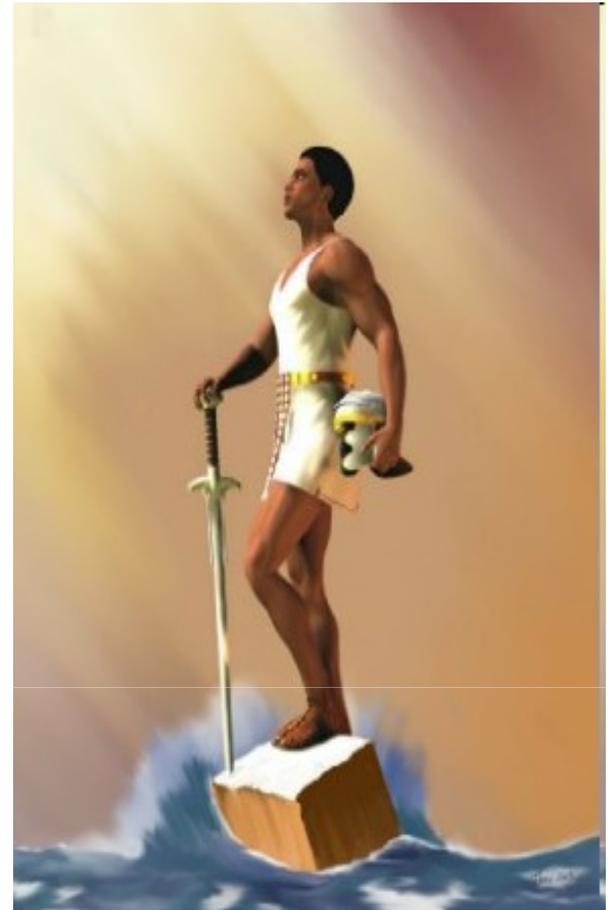
Important Points:

- There were six qualities that the servant commended David for possessing. That he was:
 1. **“CUNNING IN PLAYING”**
 2. **“A MIGHTY VALIANT MAN”**
 3. **“A MAN OF WAR”**
 4. **“PRUDENT IN MATTERS”**
 5. **“A COMELY PERSON”**...and that...
 6. **“THE LORD IS WITH HIM”**



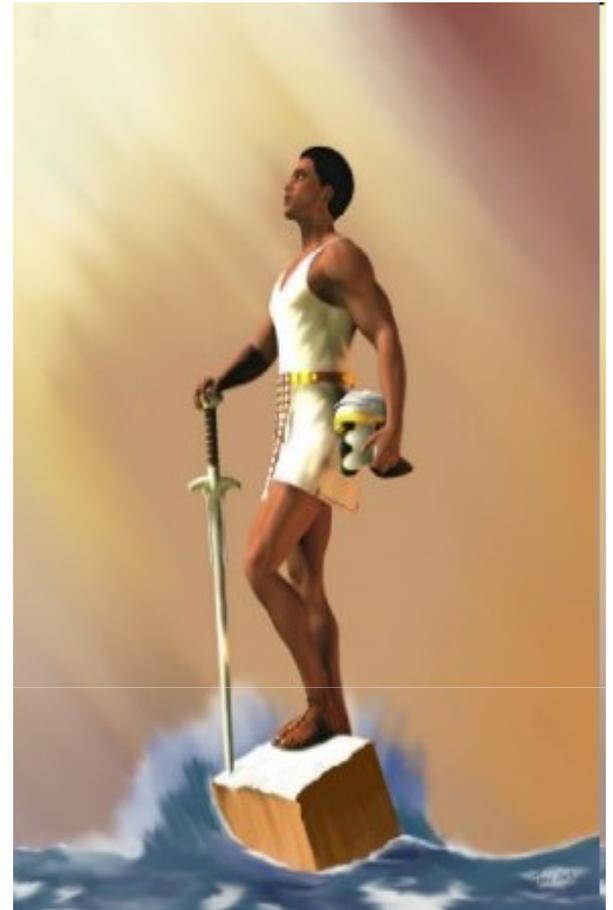
“CUNNING IN PLAYING”- David was a musician, so skilled at his craft, as to drive an evil spirit from King Saul (1 Sam. 16:23).

APPLICATION: God expects us to strive to be both efficient and proficient at the things that we do in His service. Prayer, study, obedience and practice bring the anointing. (Is. 10:27). Even so, natural ability is not a substitute for having the power of God in our lives. God can use us when we bring our talents and abilities into subjection to His will (Rom. 12:1-2).



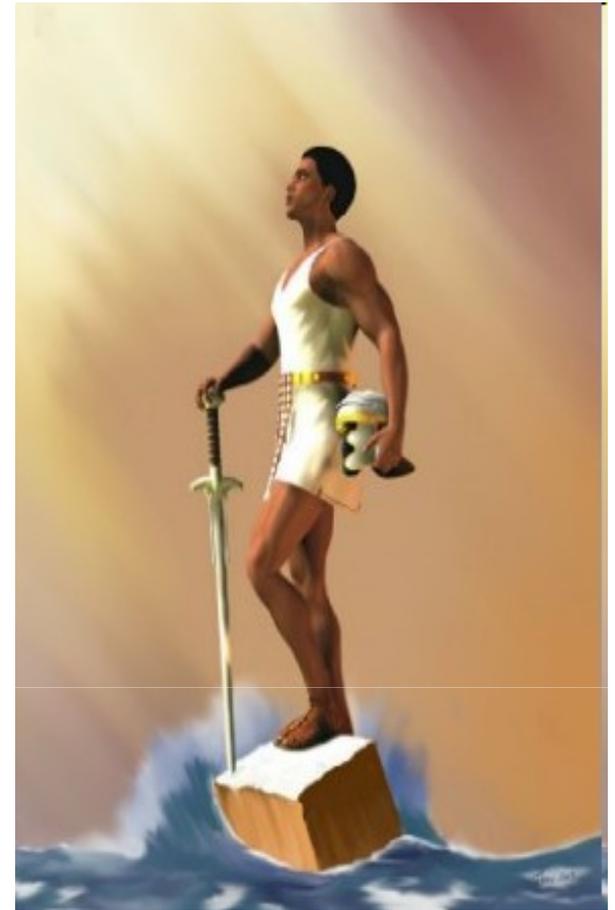
“A MIGHTY VALIANT MAN”- David was courageous. He protected his father’s sheep (1Sam. 17:34-36). Later, he fought and killed the giant Goliath (1Sam. 17:32).

APPLICATION: God has called us to draw men to be reconciled to Him (2Cor. 5:18-20), not a task for the faint-of-heart. We must not allow fear to hinder us (Rom. 8:15). Time spent with God gives us courage (Acts 4:13).



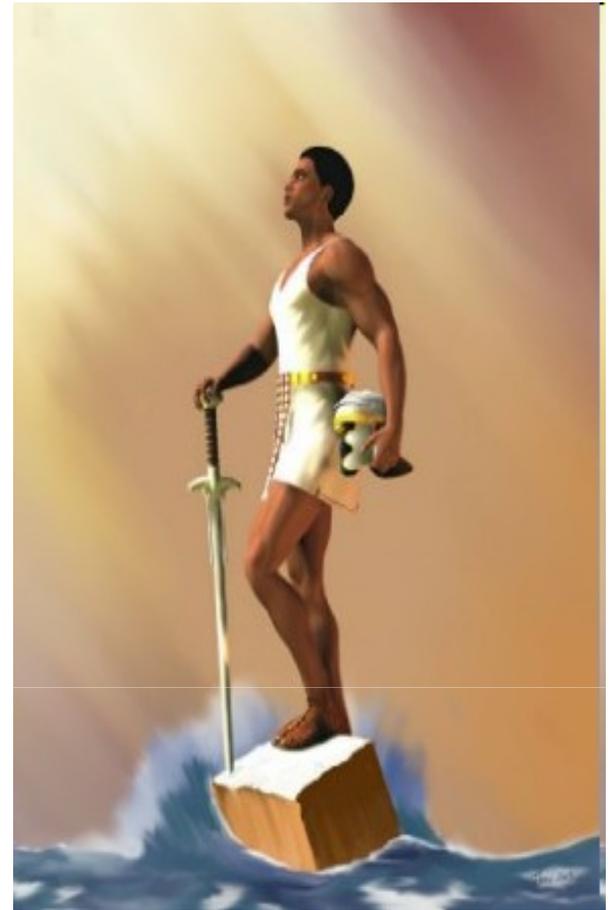
“A MAN OF WAR”- David was a fighter. His courage and faith enabled him to stand up to Goliath while the army of Israel cowered in fear.

APPLICATION: A man of God must have a warrior’s heart. Although we do not fight physical battles, we must be willing to take a stand for what is right. (Ehp. 6-10-17, 1Tim.1:18, 6:12, 2Tim.2:3-4)



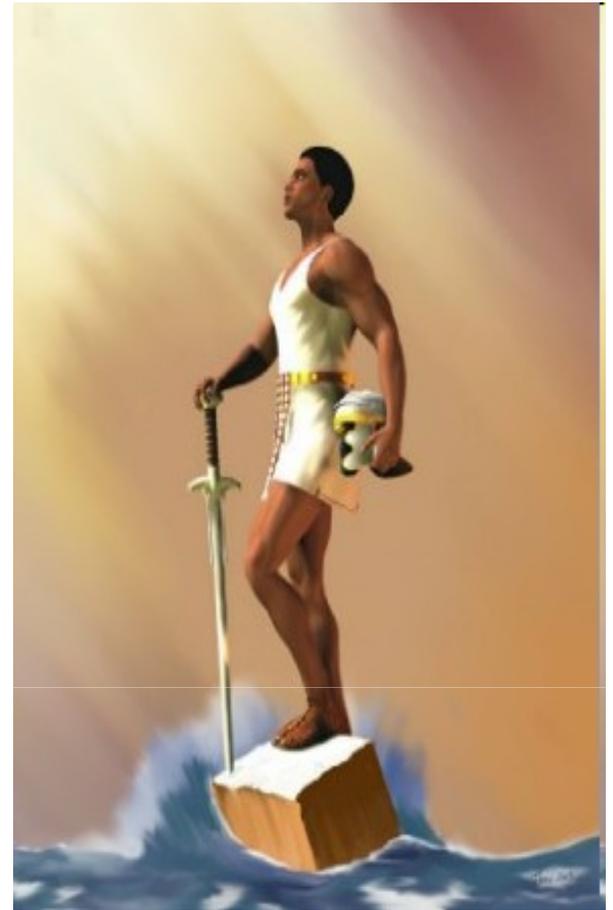
“PRUDENT IN MATTERS”- David kept his father’s sheep (1Sam. 16:11) a task that required wisdom, patience, and skill. The fact that he returned to keeping the sheep even after he was anointed to be king over Israel (1Sam. 17:15), was evidence that he was level-headed, as well as humble.

APPLICATION: The man of God must have that quality that enables him to make godly choices. We must be willing to forsake the wisdom of this world (1Cor. 3:9), and seek that which comes from above (Ja. 1:5, 3:17). A man of God must have his priorities in order (Matt. 6:33, Col. 3:1).



“A COMELY PERSON”- “Now he was **ruddy**, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to” (1Sam. 16:12). **Ruddy**- red; to have color in one’s face; impl. To be healthy- of a healthy complexion.

APPLICATION: As a man of God, we represent Him in the world, so our physical appearance should reflect this. Since our bodies are the temple of God (1Cor. 6:19-20), and we are not our own, we should keep them in the best shape possible. The Bible tells us that “bodily exercise profiteth little...” (1Tim. 4:8), but this does not mean that we should neglect our health and appearance. Being in poor physical condition can be a hindrance to our ministries, as well as to our representation of Christ.



“THE LORD IS WITH HIM”- David was chosen of God (1 Sam. 17:12) “...arise, anoint him; for this is he.”

APPLICATION: We must be sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that God has called us to the work that we are engaged in (Ex. 3:10, Jer. 1:5-8). The world, the flesh, and the devil will all conspire to convince

us that we are not (1Sam. 17:28). Knowing that God is with us gives us assurance and confidence. Time spent with God gives us ministry before God, which validates our ministry before men.

