

**“How To Become A Mighty Man Or
Woman Of God”**

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I. On Being A Mighty Man of Woman Of God

A. Who becomes a ‘mighty man or woman of God’?

Only one who is committed to growing in discipleship.

B. If I see becoming a Christian as only as a “one-and-done” event, what danger do I risk?

I might forget that I am called to grow as a Christian.

C. What else must I see Christianity as, besides just a one-and-done event?

As a journey of walking daily with Christ.

D. So what is a disciple?

Someone learning the disciplines of the Master.

II. David’s Mighty Men

A. Who are the Benjamites a picture of?

Of Christians trained in their practice of the spiritual disciplines and their using of spiritual weaponry. They are not easily stopped but are determined to push through obstacles.

B. Who are the Gadites a picture of?

Those who “defect” to the church from other places and quickly begin adding quality to the work that God is doing here.

C. Did David automatically accept everyone who came to him? What did he do?

No. He had his own 101: Mem-Sem where he questioned newcomers about their motives, and asked them if they

were willing to get on board with the vision and mission God had given him.

III. What Does Any Of This Have To Do With Grace?

A. One possible reason why our momentum slowed:

**We don’t have enough “mighty men and women”.
Not enough Gadites to compensate for the Termites.**

B. What this church desperately needs:

Philippians 2:14 – “Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless, and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.”

C. What do mighty men and women do?

They overcome their ignorance by growing in knowledge.

They overcome their sin by growing in holiness.

They overcome failure by growing in skill & perseverance.

They overcome their selfishness by growing in perspective.

D. David fought for land. What are we Christians fighting for?

The wholeness of our families and communities; and most importantly for the eternal souls of men, women and children.

IV. Does Following Jesus Really Work?

A. What battles does God want to help you win?

The battles over profanity? Lustful thoughts? Stress? Depression? Grief? Money problems? Marriage problems? Disappointment? Laziness & Apathy?

B. Are these victories ever total and complete on this side of heaven?

What Pastor Barry wrote in his Prayer Journal:

“I cannot and must not pronounce that my victory is complete in any of these areas. At any point I could still lose my way and go back to what I was before. But I am more on than off at the age of 44. Still life is a continual test. I must never put down my shield or sword. I must never think to myself, ‘Thanks God, I’ll just take it from here.’ But for 25 years of life with you, Lord, I give you thanks. I no longer *think* that this works, or *hope* that this works, I *know* that this works. That it is You working in me.”

C. What is God speaking to me today?

*a. Is Christianity for me more a:
one-and-done destination____
or a journey in discipleship____*

*b. Am I more a:
Christian____
or a disciple____*

D. What things do I need to change in my life?