

## **“How To Become A Mighty Man Or Woman Of God” – Part 2 \* November 26, 2006**

### *I. A Quick Review*

### *II. Principles Practiced By Mighty Men & Women Of God:*

**Principle #1 – Spend daily time with Christ, through Bible study, prayer, fellowship and worship.**

A. *What did David show us about his own devotional life?*  
**In Psalms he shows us that it was a daily habit.**

B. *Why is it so important to do this?*  
**Because these are the disciplines that connect me directly to Jesus.**

C. *What’s the very worst thing you can do when you’re in the battle of life?*  
**Stop reading your Bible, praying and going to church.**

**Principle #2 – Show a submissive heart yielded to Christ.**

A. *Why did the Bible call David a “man after God’s heart”?*  
**Because he was quick to look for God’s guidance and follow after Him.**

B. *Christianity offers the world more than just principles. What else does it give?*  
**A person, Jesus Christ.**

C. *Why is following a “Person” harder in some ways than just following some “Principles”?*  
**Principles can be disregarded if desired. A Person can get “in your face” and become a “nuisance.**

**Principle #3 – Refuse to quit after failure or difficulty.**

A. *Where did David show perseverance?*

**In driving out the Philistines, in waiting to become king during the years he was a fugitive, etc.**

B. *In the battles most of us must fight, how long might it take before I get the upperhand?*  
**Often years of faithful discipleship.**

C. *Is Jesus standing over me with a whip to beat me every time I fall?*

**Jesus took the whip (and thorns and nails) for me. A righteous man rises each time he or she falls.**

**Principle #4 – Seek godly companions and wise counsel.**

A. *Is it enough for us to simply “let go and let God” in times of trouble?*

**No. God uses the encouragement of godly friends to often direct me.**

B. *How did David show that he was not a loner?*  
**In surrounding himself with mighty men; in his friendship with Jonathan; in his accountability relationship with Nathan.**

**Principle #5 – Keep servng others.**

A. *Did David stop being a general and king during his weak moments?*  
**No.**

B. *When might there be exceptions to this rule?*  
**After his great sin with Bathsheba, God removed him temporarily from his throne during the rebellion of his son Absalom. Not all sins are equal and not all wounds are equal. Sometimes people must step down from areas of ministry to work on their healing. However, we should never stop serving.**

**Principle #6 – Never lose awareness of God’s grace as the foundation of your life.**

A. *Where did David’s strength come from?*

**“The Lord is my strength and my song”**

B. *When – and why – did David commit his greatest sin?*

**Not at the beginning of his spiritual life but when he was older and should have known better.**

C. *Never say, “I’ll never do that” in regards to a particular sin. Instead we should say:*

**“I must never do that”**

*Why?*

**Saying it this way acknowledges my vulnerability and my need to safeguard my heart.**