

# The Useable Disciple

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## I. Introduction.

- A. We know that God is the one that makes a disciple useable.
- B. God uses people but not all people.
- C. The eyes of the Lord are constantly scanning the hearts of men. (II Chronicles 16:9, I Samuel 16:7)
- D. David is the example of the useable man God looks for.
- E. Text: I Samuel 17-18.

## II. Humility.

- A. David was faithful in the little things.
- B. He turned his career over to God to move back into the shadows and care for the sheep.

## III. Faithfulness.

- A. David was entrusted with greater responsibility with his father.
- B. David's life was so ordered that he could handle additional responsibility, which became a door to greater opportunity.

## IV. A secret life.

- A. David rescued a lamb against a lion when no one was looking.
- B. David did right when no one had the opportunity to check him out.

## VI. Prudence.

- A. David did not go into battle with someone else's armor—he only took his own weapons.
- B. We must be what the Lord made us to be and accept ourselves unconditionally.

## V. Faith.

A. David entrusted the promise of God.

B. God will hand over your “Goliath” if you trust Jesus.

**Application questions:**

1. Which characteristic of David’s life do you think was the most important? Why?

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2. Which characteristic is most absent from your own life?

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3. What is a practical and measurable way you can work on becoming more like David in the aforementioned area? Explain.

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