

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?

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

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