



PROTECTORS

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Many homes today lack the most essential protection. David helps us understand the issue in 1 Samuel 27.

A. Families live in a _____ world. 27:1-12

1. David sought _____ in Philistia

David "said to himself" I am going to die if I stay in Israel, so he decided to flee to the land of the Philistines where he thought he would be safer. He took 600 fellow soldiers and all their families with him

2. David was given _____ as a home - 27:5-6

Achish, a Philistine king granted them asylum and gave him the town of Ziklag as a home for his troops and their families. (It lies on the border of Philistia and Israel)

3. David's troops _____ neighboring tribes - 8-12

David's troops would pick on other neighboring tribes and bring some of the spoils to Achish (king) as tribute. He assumed that David was raiding Israeli towns. David did not leave any witnesses at all. He did this for 16 months

David and his family lived in a dangerous world. So do we. As it was right for David to want to protect his family, it is right for us to do the same.

B. Some of us leave them _____ 30:1-5

The Amalekites finally figured out that David was raiding their sister towns. So, while David and his men were out on a raid, the Amalekites came and raided Ziklag. David returned and found that the town was burned, possession stolen and family taken. There was evidently no resistance for they took the city without killing anyone. David left the city unprotected. No one to stand watch.

1. David was stupid because he moved without _____ God

He moved to Ziklag because he had decided to (27:1) David didn't consult the Lord. He did what seemed logical to him.

2. David was stupid because he moved them into the middle of _____

When He moved to Philistia, he took matters into his own hands, and left the protection of Yahweh, and delivered his family right into the arms of very hostile pagan land.

3. David was stupid because he left his family _____

He made enemies every day, and yet he left his family at home unprotected.

We too are at war. Our adversary is the devil who is the prince of this world. And the prince of this world, is regularly sending raiding parties to our homes to capture our wives and kids.

They had been captured. David and his men knew that it was their fault. They created the animosity. They left God's protection in Israel, and they left their families unguarded and unprotected. They wept because they came to realize what was really important. It wasn't the treasure or the thrill of conquest - It was their wives and their children. Not only did David lose his own family As a leader of his men, he was responsible for losing their families as well. They wanted to stone him for it. He didn't really care. What was really important to him was already lost.

C. Rescue Came from Seeking the _____ 30:6-8

David knew that there was always hope with God. He put the past behind him. He confessed his foolishness then he strengthened himself in the Lord. A man is not able to lead and protect his family if he is spiritually weak and emaciated. He then summoned the priest who discerned the will of God for Him using the ephod and the black and white stones within it. God told him to go after the families. David and his men obeyed. They pursued the enemy and rescued their families

D. David _____ from His mistakes

1. He made plans to _____ his family - 30:26

He began to build bridges with Israeli towns, so that he might be able to take his family home - to Israel - where they should have been all along.

2. David _____ to strengthen himself in the Lord - 2 Sam. 2:1

Before he assumed he should return, he sought the lord's direction on the matter.

3. David never left his family _____ again. - 2 Sam 2:2-3

When they did go they made sure that their families were with them, 100% of the way - fully protected.

The man who fails to _____ lead and protect his family will lose his family.

One practical suggestion as to the first and next step in spiritual leadership. Pray - with your wife and kids every day. Spiritual leadership involves more than prayer, but its a great place to begin. Do it. Every night that you can

THE NEXT STEP

Use this section in your personal or family devotions to better apply the truth.

1. Why is it so easy for a man to provide every other kind of protection for his family except the spiritual kind?
2. David made three stupid mistakes. Can you identify with any of them?
3. Are you man enough to accept the prayer challenge?