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God-Inspired Descriptions and Duties of Mighty Men  
and Holy Metaphors of Soldiers, Discipline, Armor, War

Every men's meeting I wait on God  
to give me a topic to teach you,  
remind you, to warn you,  
or to stir you up.

Tonight I want to stir you up to the  
fight of being a great Christian  
man but also bring to bear  
some of your duties.

God's providence put you here  
tonight with the men around  
you as much as young David  
happened on the dog of Gath.

*Amen?*

**Brothers, are you with me?**

**God gave us a text to get started!**

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expert in war, with all instruments of war,  
fifty thousand, which could keep rank:  
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I Chronicles 12:33

Can we, with the Spirit of God helping us in His word, get any value from this text?

We quickly see from God's words:

- 1. Men willing to engage in battle.**
- 2. Men that were expert in fighting.**
- 3. Men with all weapons needed.**
- 4. Men united to hold formation.**
- 5. Men with one heart and purpose.**

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Daniel 11:32

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I Corinthians 16:13

"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha."

I Corinthians 16:22

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## **Introduction:**

1. There is not a single effeminate or sissified aspect to the religion of God under either covenant. Believe it!
2. It is the watered down, milquetoast, politically correct, compromising preachers of today that discourage men.
3. David and the mighty men that followed him perfectly fulfilled Paul's militaristic exhortation in the flesh.
4. Why did God spend several chapters of the Bible listing and recounting the deeds of these men? For you!
5. The mighty men that followed David showed a degree of love and loyalty that cannot be matched by another.
6. It is our duty as Christians to seize the exhortation and warning of Paul to be the best fighting saints possible.
  - a. David's mighty men were famous in earthly pursuits, but we have a greater spiritual battle (Eph 6:10-20).
  - b. We are fighting in a soul war with the lusts of our flesh, which Satan uses to destroy our faith (I Pet 2:11).
  - c. If David could induce their great love and loyalty, how much more should the Son of David induce ours?!
  - d. We live in perilous times of the last days; the lines have been drawn (II Tim 3:1 – 4:5). Where are you?
  - e. We have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col 1:13).
  - f. The Lord Jesus is the Son and Lord of David (Ps 110:1). He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5).
  - g. Our Savior is the Blessed and Only Potentate; He is King of kings and Lord of lords (I Timothy 6:15).
  - h. He is the Captain of our salvation (Heb 2:10). And on His white horse He has no peer (Rev 19:11-16).
- I. The world has created its own fantasy illusion of brave, mighty, tough, and successful men.
  - A. They sell John Wayne, Rock Hudson, Clint Eastwood, Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Cruise, Bruce Willis, Russell Crowe, and others; but they only look tough with steroids, makeup, retakes, and heterosexual stunt men for action scenes.
  - B. Athletes are promoted as another class of such heroes, but they only look tough in sporting contests with many rules and much equipment to protect them.
  - C. The Scriptures, containing real biographies of true characters, have the very best of all.

# David's Mighty Men

(II Samuel 23:8-39; I Chron 11:1-47)

**DAVID**  
**THE KING**

## Cherethites & Pelethites

Philistine bodyguards under the command of Benaiah

## Gittites (600)

Philistine bodyguards under the command of Ittai the Gittite

## **Joab**

Captain of the Host

## **Benaiah**

Captain of the Host  
(after treason of Joab)

## Three Mightiest Captains

### **Adino**

the Eznite

### **Eleazar**

son of Dodo

### **Shammah**

son of Agee

## Three Mighty Captains

### **Abishai**

son of Zeruiah

### **Benaiah**

son of Jehoiada

### **Asahel**

son of Zeruiah

Elhanan, son of Dodo  
Helez the Paltite  
Mebunnai the Hushathite  
Heleb, son of Baanah  
Hiddai of Gaash  
Eliabba the Shaalbonite  
Ahiam, son of Sharar  
Hezrai the Carmelite  
Bani the Gadite  
Ira an Ithrite

Shammah the Harodite  
Ira, son of Ikkesh the Tekoite  
Zalmou the Ahohite  
Ittai, son of Ribai of Benjamin  
Abi-albon the Arbathite  
Jonathan, son of Shage  
Eliphelet, son of Ahasbai  
Paarai the Arbite  
Zelek the Ammonite  
Gareb an Ithrite

Elika the Harodite  
Abiezer the Anethothite  
Maharai the Netophathite  
Benaiah the Pirathonite  
Azmaveth the Barhumite  
Shammah the Hararite  
Eliam, son of Ahithophel  
Igal, son of Nathan of Zobah  
Nahari the Beerothite  
Uriah the Hittite

Never forget that God constantly ranks men in the Bible that He approves and that men love.

Your rank in the sight of God and men  
is a choice ... as Proverbs 22:1 states.

Your rank is easily altered by priorities  
and crushing your comfort zones.

Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle,  
expert in war, with all instruments of war,  
fifty thousand, which could keep rank:  
they were not of double heart.

I Chronicles 12:33

Let us back up to find out when  
these 50,000 of Zebulon  
were on parade.

David is the greatest king in the Bible  
in matters of war and worship,  
so much is about Him.

This event is Israel coming together at Hebron to make David king over all the tribes after Ishbosheth died.

And these are the numbers of the bands  
that were ready armed to the war,  
and came to David to Hebron,  
to turn the kingdom of Saul to him,  
according to the word of the LORD.

I Chronicles 12:23

And the time that David was king  
in Hebron over the house of Judah  
was seven years and six months.

II Samuel 2:11

During the years running from Saul  
and before getting all of Israel,  
many men joined David.

For at that time  
day by day there came  
to David to help him,  
until it was a great host,  
like the host of God.

I Chronicles 12:22

God's providence gave us this passage  
to pull from it descriptions of men  
the Spirit deemed noteworthy.

Now these are they  
that came to David to Ziklag,  
while he yet kept himself close  
because of Saul the son of Kish:  
and they were among the mighty men,  
helpers of the war.

I Chronicles 12:1

Are you among the  
mighty men of this church?

If you think you are a mighty man,  
how can we measure your  
help in the war?

There is a man sitting among you who  
puts in 2-3 hours a week for over  
twenty years to be a “help.”

They were armed with bows,  
and could use both the right  
hand and the left in hurling stones  
and shooting arrows out of a bow,  
even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

I Chronicles 12:2

Some of you men have gifts – ability and ambition above average – and I challenge you to use all for our king.

Young man, what gifts do you have?

Are you developing and using your gifts for  
God and the kingdom of His Son?

Older men, what gifts do you have?

Are you using your gifts and unlimited time  
for God and the kingdom of His Son?

An old man sitting among you mails  
out books and invested two hours,  
three days a week, for 75 battles.

## And of the Gadites

there separated themselves unto David  
into the hold to the wilderness men of might,  
and men of war fit for the battle,  
that could handle shield and buckler,  
whose faces were like the faces of lions,  
and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains;

I Chronicles 12:8

Are you a man of might?  
A man of war fit for the battle?

How do you train to handle shield and buckler against the enemy's darts?

You are instructed 13 times a week.

All material can be easily reviewed.

You have workouts 3-4 times a week.

Do you engage with intense ambition  
to improve a little every workout?

Who will have the face of lions in this church to boldly stand up and be counted against any foe?

Who will be as fast as deer on the mountains to do the will of God and finish their assignments?

Who manages all 168 hours,  
hates procrastination, dives into  
projects, and finishes them quickly?

These are they that went  
over Jordan in the first month,  
when it had overflowed all his banks;  
and they put to flight all them of the valleys,  
both toward the east, and toward the west.

I Chronicles 12:15

Who are the men in this church that  
mock at lions in the street  
or cold weather?

Who are the men in this church that  
leave no stone unturned nor a  
task partially finished?

Then the spirit came upon Amasai,  
who was chief of the captains, and he said,

*Thine are we, David,*

*and on thy side,*

*thou son of Jesse:*

*peace, peace be unto thee,*

*and peace be to thine helpers;*

*for thy God helpeth thee.*

I Chronicles 12:17

We love the exchange between Jehu and Jehonadab for the destruction of Ahab and Baal worship in Israel.

Do you understand the humility and submission of this great leader of Benjamites swearing to David?

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Who has this kind of spirit, verbal and public, of commitment to Jesus the Son of Jesse, with humble loyalty?

Our Lord, Jesus the Son of David the  
Son of God, Leader and Commander,  
is the Blessed and Only Potentate!

He has no peer in heaven or earth.

He has fought and won battles that  
mock all earthly soldiers and  
wars as infants fussing.

Who loves the Man Christ Jesus the most and fights valiantly in real battles He has shown us?

Who labors publicly and privately to  
bring more and more men to  
also love and serve Him?

Then David received them,  
and made them captains of the band.

I Chronicles 12:18

David was a lover of good men 1000  
years before Titus 1:8 was written!

All men should be measured by their  
declared love of Christ backed  
by Bible kingdom works.

I thank God for such men in this church, for He fulfilled David's promise to me through you.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants:  
and none of them that trust in him  
shall be desolate.

Psalm 34:22

Has our glorious God and loving  
Father got your attention by  
the text He gave us?

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I Chronicles 12:33

We are not following or fighting  
for David the son of Jesse but  
for Jesus the Son of David.

# Christian Men Serve David's Son

- Our sworn allegiance is to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- He assigned us to this church in His kingdom.
- Our duty is to protect His glory, honor, and truth.
- Our duty is to preserve this outpost in the world.
- It is a greater duty than a job, BSA, or US military.

Arthur then stood and led the knights in an oath of loyalty to their cause.

“We rise now and lift our swords as the Knights of the Round Table. May these blades work together as a single force to protect the innocent, defend the weak, and free the oppressed. May the bond of our brotherhood inspire our service to humanity, and may the deeds of each bring honor to us all.”





We are not Knights of the Round Table.

We are knights of the Lord's Table.

For the forgetful, the Holy Spirit chose  
ten athletic metaphors in the N.T.  
epistles and twenty militaristic.

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# The Apostle Paul's Oath

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:20-21



# You Are Your Brothers' Keeper

- Cain tried to excuse himself for Abel (Gen 4:9).
- We are in this body together by Christ's blood.
- By baptism we swore allegiance to Jesus and His.
- Attending, singing, hearing, going home is vain.
- We must help one and all prepare to meet Christ.

Look with me at ten Bible duties of a Christian man as rules of engagement and victory as a soldier of Jesus Christ.

What kind of a mighty man of valor, or  
Christian soldier, or knight of Christ,  
will you be starting tonight?

## Choose a Great Name

David's name was much set by in all Israel, is your name and your wife's above most or all?

Then the princes of the Philistines went forth:  
and it came to pass, after they went forth,  
that David behaved himself more wisely  
than all the servants of Saul;  
so that his name was much set by.

I Samuel 18:30



## HOW?

Practice love just taught,  
always a gracious servant;  
no dead flies; conventional;  
worship Christ the most.

## **Bear Much Fruit**

Your Captain ordered you to stay close to Him  
and by this connection to bear much fruit.

I am the vine, ye are the branches:  
He that abideth in me, and I in him,  
the same bringeth forth much fruit:  
for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:5



## HOW?

Love holiness, hate sin,  
confess all failures, seek  
Jesus daily, obey Him,  
please Him by love.

## Exalt All Fathers

Men prepared for our war have great father-son relationships for it pleases our Captain.

And he shall go before him  
in the spirit and power of Elias,  
to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,  
and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just;  
to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 1:17



## HOW?

Live a perfect life; honor him as great and special; make his life easy; praise to others; communicate.

## Honor In Marriage

The character / conduct needed for a mighty man of valor and prayer starts with your wife.

Likewise, ye husbands,  
dwell with them according to knowledge,  
giving honour unto the wife,  
as unto the weaker vessel,  
and as being heirs together  
of the grace of life;  
that your prayers be not hindered.

I Peter 3:7



## HOW?

Love without bitterness;  
cherish and nourish; treat  
special in kind gentleness;  
help her serve to be great.

## Banner of Love

Our Captain's highest order for His men is to love each other with merciful, princely service.

A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another;  
as I have loved you,  
that ye also love one another.  
By this shall all men know that ye are  
my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:34-35



## HOW?

Suffer long; be kind; never  
envy; hate pride; behave;  
be selfless; no anger; think  
good; bear and endure; etc.

## Be Sexually Pure

Mighty men rule their vessels to avoid strange women that ruined even the strong Samson.

Let not thine heart decline to her ways,  
go not astray in her paths.

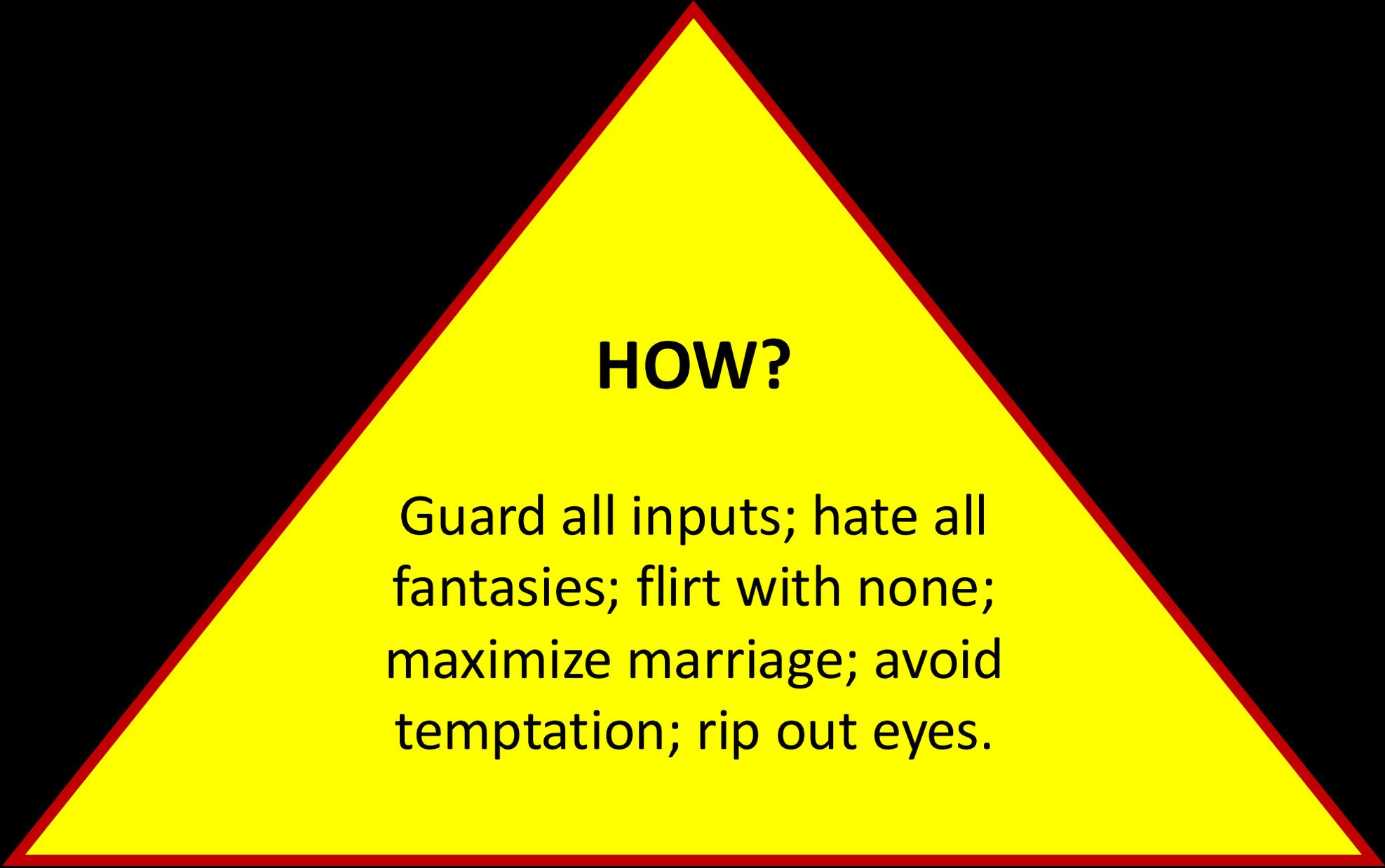
For she hath cast down many wounded:  
yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

Her house is the way to hell,  
going down to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7:25-27

For this is the will of God,  
even your sanctification,  
that ye should abstain from fornication:  
That every one of you should know how to  
possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;  
Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as  
the Gentiles which know not God:

I Thessalonians 4:3-5



## HOW?

Guard all inputs; hate all fantasies; flirt with none; maximize marriage; avoid temptation; rip out eyes.

## **Manage Your Money**

Money shows diligence, discipline, prudence, and patience to be used for kingdom good.

He also that is slothful in his work  
is brother to him that is a great waster.

Proverbs 18:9

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man:  
he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

Proverbs 21:17

A gracious woman retaineth honour:  
and strong men retain riches.

Proverbs 11:16

Where no oxen are, the crib is clean:  
but much increase is by the strength of the ox.

Proverbs 14:4



## HOW?

Pay God first; pay yourself second; never live above means; be generous; be pessimistic; invest wisely.

## **Fighting for the Faith**

Are you able to take up sword and shield and defend the rare truth in the earth we hold?

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:3



## HOW?

Listen, review, study, and  
discuss the precious truth  
our Lord has given us,  
a little every day.

## Leverage Your Career

Your job or business are means to support the kingdom and build your real world reputation.

He that loveth pureness of heart,  
for the grace of his lips the  
king shall be his friend.

Proverbs 22:11

Seest thou a man diligent in his business?  
he shall stand before kings;  
he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

Then this Daniel was preferred  
above the presidents and princes,  
because an excellent spirit was in him;  
and the king thought to set him  
over the whole realm.

Daniel 6:3



## HOW?

Do all to the Lord; be most diligent and faithful; never talk back; no purloining; pleasing; owner attitude.

## Honor the King

David and Jesus exalted civil authority and all soldiers of the cross will do so as well.

The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth  
mine hand against the LORD'S anointed:  
but, I pray thee, take thou now  
the spear that is at his bolster,  
and the cruse of water, and let us go.

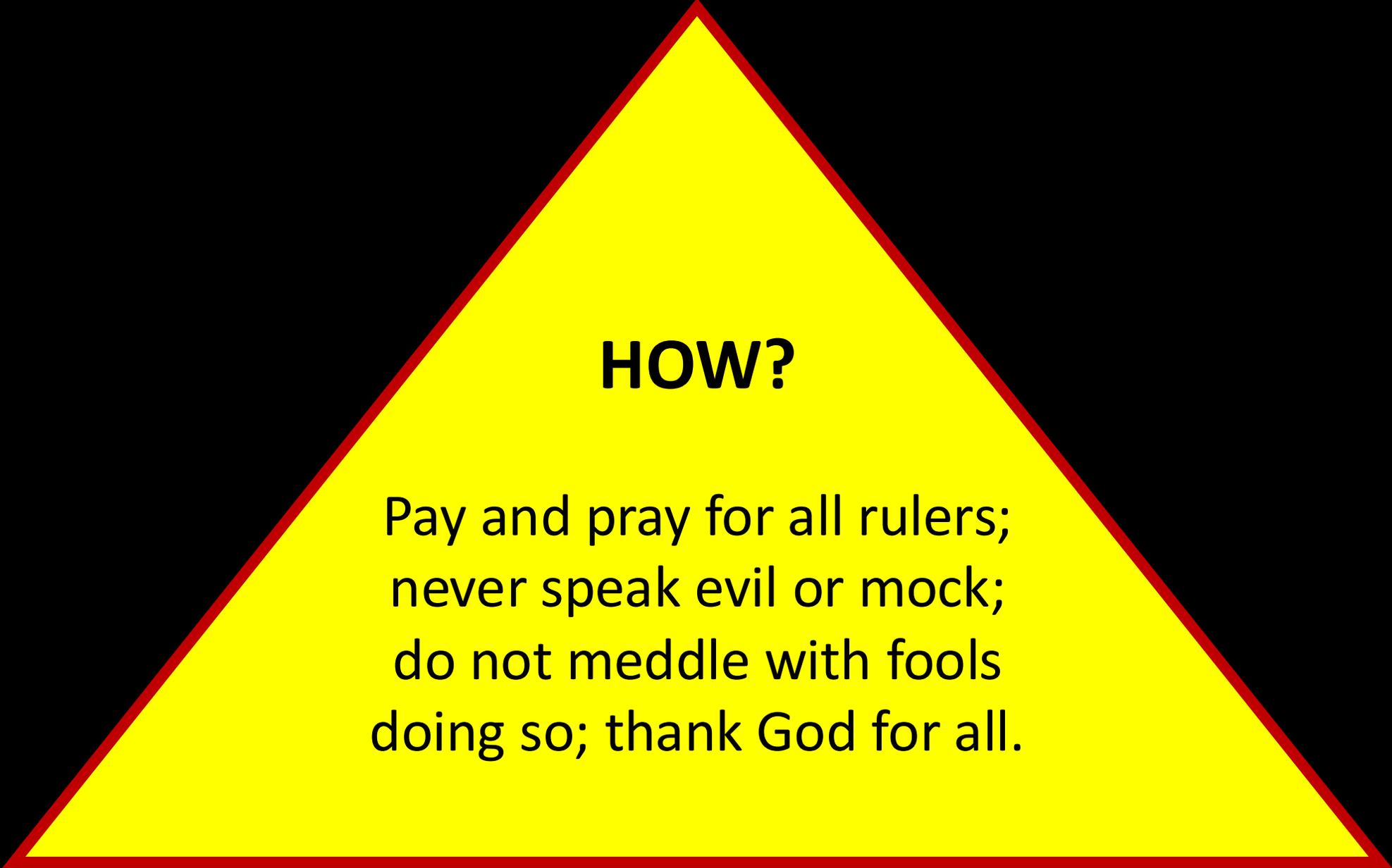
I Samuel 26:11

My son, fear thou the LORD and the king:  
and meddle not with them that  
are given to change:  
For their calamity shall rise suddenly;  
and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

Proverbs 24:21-22

And Jesus answering said unto them,  
Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,  
and to God the things that are God's.  
And they marvelled at him.

Mark 12:17



## HOW?

Pay and pray for all rulers;  
never speak evil or mock;  
do not meddle with fools  
doing so; thank God for all.

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