

Legacy



Suggested Props: Sword, Large Stick, & Garden Hoe

Scripture: [2 Samuel 23:8-12](#)

These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the Lord wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.

But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory.

Three Distinct Heroes:

Just as a good cowboy wants to be known as a man of integrity that will keep his word and be known for how he handles his horse and his skill with his rope; a good soldier wants to be known as someone that not only is good in battle, but also wants to bring peace to a country and to the people in that land.

Soldiers vary in the skills they bring to their branch of service:

- Some are good at *fighting* in battles;
- Some are great *planners* when it comes to battle strategy;
- Others are good at *keeping all of the equipment* in good working order that is crucial to winning battles.

Is the skill and effort of the warrior more important than the battle planner or the soldier that keeps the electronic equipment operational? Of course not! It is how well each individual performs his or her duty that distinguishes them.

Some soldiers put in their time of service and are anxious to get out, while others want to bring honor to their branch of service and to their nation.

When you think about it, a good soldier wants to leave a legacy of proud service and of faithful integrity so everyone will know they performed above and beyond their duty.

Let me tell you of 3 mighty men and what was recorded as their great legacy.

They were called King David's 3 mightiest men and each had their distinguishing deeds recorded in God's Word for all to read and understand. Let's find out what God wanted recorded for each to establish their legacy. Read // [Sam. 23: 8-12](#)

Adino-He Slew 800 at One Time with His Spear:

He was also called Jashobeam in *1 Chr. 11:11*. This man did not get overwhelmed by the size of the job that was put before him. He knew where his strength came from. Adino did not even have much in the way of weapons; he only had a big stick (a spear).

When a battle of overwhelming odds came up, he stepped into the fight with a big stick and a **big God**.

If a big battle comes up in your life (and by the way some of the biggest battles in your life will not be on a battlefield in a war or conflict), will you seek strength from God to help you? Even if you do not think you are properly equipped? Or will you try to find cover and go into defensive mode?

This applies to all areas of your life. How do you expect to see the battles won if you back away when a big task is set before you?

Would you like your legacy to be like Adino's?

Eleasar-He fought Till He Could Not Let Go of His Sword:

Eleasar was the son of Dodo and he did not give up. It may be that as a kid he was teased by others because his dad's name was Dodo or it may have been that his dad helped develop grit in his boy: We don't know because that part was not recorded.

What is recorded is that he charged into battle even though his fellow soldiers threw down their swords and ran for cover.

He charged into the battle, no matter what. He did not seem to care what others were doing. He did not let the other soldiers determine how he acted. He stood and fought when the others ran and hid.

It was a long battle, but he fought on until he, single handed (with the help of God) brought a victory.

When the battle was over, they had to come pry his cramped fingers off of his sword. No amount of discouragement or discomfort was going to stop him. A can't think of anyone that would not want a legacy like Eleasar.

Shammah-This Man was Considered One of The Three Mightiest by Defending a Bean Field:

Shammah, the son of Agee stood his ground and defended what others considered to be too insignificant to fight for. He defended a bean field.

He was not looking for a grand battle that would make him a war hero. He saw that the crops needed to be protected so they would have food to sustain them so they could have a future. He risked his life to protect a bean field so his fellow soldiers and the people in the country nearby would have food to eat. He was not looking to be famous for this act, but it showed how selfless his actions were.

He saw a job that needed to be done and no one else was willing so he did it.

And just think, of all his heroic acts, this was the one that God wanted to record for generations to notice.

Sometimes you will not understand the legacy that you leave for others to see and learn by, but keep in mind that you are creating a legacy with all your actions, even the more humble actions that you do.

Conclusion:

These 3 men were considered the 3 mightiest of all King David's army. Why?

Because of a faith that God is bigger than any battle you encounter.

Because you can't look back because you may find yourself alone and you must not give up.

Because it is imperative that you accept the place of battle or service that is put before you with no concern about the seemingly insignificant task that you have.

These characteristics are what God recorded for the 3 mightiest men of David during a time when David's army fought and became the mightiest army in the world.

If you are born-again you are in the mightiest army that this world will ever know. We should honor our Lord and display the character and strength that these men displayed. God deserves our best!