

**David, Shepherd and King**  
**#10 David Listens to Wise Counsel - 1 Samuel 25 (3/7/10 AM)**

1. David's Humble Request (2-9)

***The Individuals Involved***

The name "Nabal" means foolish.

- **David's request was \_\_\_\_\_**

It comes out in the text that David and his men had provided a security force for Nabal's shepherds. It was customary to set aside a portion for those who had protected the flock.

**This Was a \_\_\_\_\_ Request to Help David Provide for His Men**

2. Nabal's Selfish Refusal (10-11)

***Nabal Lived Up to His Name***

- **Nabal responded with \_\_\_\_\_**

He attacked David's person. He attacked David's character implying that David and his men were just a bunch of rebellious servants. The core reason of Nabal's refusal was selfishness. Jesus may have been thinking of Nabal when He gave the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12.

**God At Times Will Use a Nabal to \_\_\_\_\_ One of His Davids**

3. David's Angry Reaction (12-13)

***Failure Often Follows Victory***

- **David reacted, he did not \_\_\_\_\_ to Nabal's folly**

He dealt with Nabal in the exact opposite way he had just dealt with Saul. Proverbs 29:22, "An angry man stirs up strife." David allowed Nabal's actions to instigate his own reaction. Verse 17 reveals that

Nabal had "reviled" David's young men. The ESV says "he railed at them".

**Anger Clouds Our \_\_\_\_\_**

- **David responded out of a wounded \_\_\_\_\_**

What David was thinking is revealed in verse 21. Saul had attacked his life, Nabal had attacked his self-image.

**Ego Engages Our \_\_\_\_\_**

4. Abigail's Wise Intercession (14-31)

***She Was Informed by One of the Servants***

He told Abigail of what had just occurred. Half of the servant's words praise David and his men (15-16).

- **She approached David with \_\_\_\_\_**

God had Abigail reflect David's words and attitudes in dealing with Saul back to him.

**Gracious Tactfulness Can \_\_\_\_\_ Angry Emotions**

- **She approached David with \_\_\_\_\_ perception**

She continually appealed to David "my lord" on the basis of "the LORD". She gave a fourfold appeal to David.

**(1) That David would \_\_\_\_\_ the hand of God in this situation (26)**

She wanted David to see that her coming was of God to bring him back to his spiritual senses. Do not make the mistake of thinking we can disconnect God from selected areas of our lives. God is in every part of the Christian's life.

**(2) That David would \_\_\_\_\_ a path of peace and forgiveness (27-28)**

God had a plan for David's life. He had been anointed by the Lord.

This path David was walking down was not worthy of him. God had a greater purpose for David's life.

**(3) That David would \_\_\_\_\_ his spiritual perspective (29)**

David had lost his bearings. Abigail appealed to David to put the recent events of his life back into perspective. God had protected him up to this point. David would be foolish to act rashly now in face of God's promises to him. David had written Psalms about God's protection of him.

**(4) That David would \_\_\_\_\_ the blessing of not having to live with regret (30-31)**

David's rash actions would have been a dark blemish on his reign before it began.

**Has God Sent Someone into Your Life to Confront You about Making a Monumental \_\_\_\_\_?**

5. David's Grateful Response (32-44)

***He Was Willing to Heed Her Wise Counsel***

David's emotions had calmed and he immediately saw God's hand at work in his life.

• **The refusal to heed wise counsel is a \_\_\_\_\_ issue**

David humbled himself before God, before Abigail, and before his men. It is doubtful that Saul would have reacted as David did, taking advice from a woman. Unlike Saul, David showed the evidence of true repentance.

**David \_\_\_\_\_, Turning His Back on the Willful Path He Had Chosen**

God dealt with Nabal (36-38) and David won Abigail (39-43). How different David's life would have been had he pushed Abigail aside and continued down the path of destruction