

Text: 2 Samuel 24:1-25
Topic: Prosperity. Obedience.
Series: Book of 2 Samuel

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The Hazards of Prosperity

How to Keep God at the Center of a "Successful Life"



1. Realize _____ (vv.1-9)

2. Count _____ (vv.10-17)

3. Get _____ (vv.18-25)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe a difficult or challenging season in your Christian life in which the circumstances of your life drove you to rely heavily on God's goodness, guidance, comfort and provision.

Read Deuteronomy 8:11-18. In what ways have you experienced the hazards described in this passage during a comfortable season of your life?

How does this observation alter your perspective on "difficult times" or "lean seasons" of life?

2. Read 1 Timothy 6:17. What are some practical exercises, routines, disciplines, prayers or activities that might keep your "hope" firmly fixed on the Giver, instead of his gifts (whether his gifts are a growing bank account, a growing army, a growing family, or growing friendships)?
3. Read Exodus 34:14 and James 4:4-5. Describe a situation in your Christian life that you believe provoked God to jealously intervene.

How would you explain to someone the appropriateness of God requiring our absolute trust and primary attention.

4. What obedient act can you do today that is outside of your *comfort zone*?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule. Don't worry about catching up, just jump in.

Sunday

Ezra 9-10 & Jms.3-5

Monday

Neh. 1-3 & 1Pt.1-2

Tuesday

Neh.4-5 & 1Pt.3-4

Wednesday

Neh.6-7 & 1Pt.5

Thursday

Neh.8-9 & 2Pt.1-2

Friday

Neh. 10-11 & 2Pt.3

Saturday

Neh. 12-13 & 1Jn.1-2