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# “Mighty Men”

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(II Samuel 23:8-17, pg. 233)

The key to becoming a highly effective believer?...

## “Persistent Faithfulness”

Faithfulness to the assignment is God’s definition of “success”. The “mighty men” of David show us the way...

### 1. Continuing to work on in spite of exhaustion!

: Josheb and Eleazar (v. 8-10)

*“These are the names of David’s mighty men: Josheb raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter. Next to him was Eleazar. He was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered for battle. Then the men of Israel retreated, but he stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.”*

### 2. Bean-keeping: a seemingly insignificant task for God

: Shammah (v. 11-12)

*“Next to Eleazar was Shammah. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel’s troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory.”*

### 3. A consuming love for your Commander-in-Chief!

: The Three (v. 15-17)

*“David longed for water and said, ‘Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!’ So the three mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem, and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord. ‘Far be it from me, O Lord to do this!’ he said. ‘Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?’ And David would not drink it. Such were the exploits of the three mighty men”*