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FOLLOWSHIP

the art of following

The Battle of Followship

You can't be a good leader until you prove yourself as a good follower!

I. The Battlefield of your HEART (1 Samuel 10:26-27)

1 Peter 5:5-6

When GOD sets a man in a position of leadership, He also provides a FOLLOWING.

Is "following your heart" always a good idea?

1st mention of "heart": Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9

The heart of man is wicked, obstinate and often hardened against God.

But God can make it soft, open, stirred ... and ultimately, perfect!

CONTRAST: 1 Samuel 10:27

II. The Attack of FEAR (1 Samuel 11:1-4)

Israel's immediate response to the attack:

1 Samuel 11:1 ... Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

1 Samuel 11:2-3 ... On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, ...

When you follow your fear, you find yourself contemplating ridiculous situations!

Examples:

- A. It's demonic!
Zechariah 11:17
- B. It's deceptive!
Proverbs 6:12-15
- C. Lose depth perception!

III. COURAGE to the Rescue! (1 Samuel 11:5-15)

How does that happen?

A. Righteous ANGER

- 1. Being "quick tempered" is wrong.
Ecclesiastes 7:9
Proverbs 14:17
Titus 1:7
Psalm 103:8

- 2. Anger is not forbidden.
Psalm 7:11
Matthew 5:22
Mark 3:5
Ephesians 4:26

B. WHY get angry? (1 Samuel 11:7)

- 1. When PROVOKED by the enemy.
- 2. When BETRAYED by complacency.
1 Corinthians 16:13
Ephesians 6:11-14

We follow RESULTS!

When you stand up and show courage, you become dangerous to the enemy!