



LIFE OF A CHAMPION!!!

II KINGS 3:10-18

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Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? **Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.**" But the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." ¹⁴ And Elisha said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you. ¹⁵ But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that **the hand of the LORD came upon him.** ¹⁶ And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' ¹⁷ For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.' ¹⁸ **And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.**

II Kings 3:13-18

Initial Points

- Chiefs and 49ers are battling for NFL supremacy.
- In a few hours, the NFL will crown its CHAMPION.
- Being a CHAMPION has a certain appeal – supremacy, best going, etc.
- We should all “BATTLE” for supremacy in our individual pursuits and endeavors.

- Kings of Israel, Judah and Edom about to wage battle against Moabites.
- Jehoshaphat wants to know if there is a prophet in Israel with whom they could consult – **God's people need to consult Him when we are dealing with life.**
- They could not call priests because there were no true priests in Israel.
- The three kings were in a difficult situation; but because one had standing with God, they were able to defeat the enemy.
- We will have many battles in this life.
- Maintain the heart, conduct and disposition of a champion!!!

I. Install a Good Defense

- Offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships.
- Must be able to withstand and defend against the most potent attacks – against adversaries who do not always play fair.
- Get the scouting report – know the opposition's tendencies (down and distance; specific plays)
- Must defend your position/turf (**See I Peter 3:15**)
- Make sure your equipment is well-maintained and in good order.

Must Have the Proper Equipment

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

- Waist girded with truth (**Eph. 6:14**)
- Breastplate of righteousness (**Eph. 6:14**)
- Feet shod with the gospel (**Eph. 6:15**)
- Shield of faith (**Eph. 6:16**)
- Helmet of salvation (**Eph. 6:17**)

II. Have an Efficient Offense

- Sometimes we have to be on the offensive, and meet some issues head-on.
- Some problems get bigger and spiral out of control if not eradicated.
- David's attack of Goliath
(**I Samuel 17:48:51**)
- The sword of the Spirit (the Word of God)
(**Eph. 6:17**)

III. Have a Good Playbook

- Learn and apply it!!!
- It did no good to just know what Cover 1, 2, or 3, or cover 0 (zero)-man free is or looks like and not execute it!
- *Fathers do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4*
- *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her. Eph. 5:25*
- **. . . As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10**
- **Be persistent and never give up. See Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 18:1-8**

IV. Have an Excellent Coach

... But in the abundance of [wise and godly counsel] there is victory. Proverbs 11:14

Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; and the rain descended, the floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Matthew 7:24-25

Lord's Invitation Extended to All

- **Be added to the Lord's body --**

Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7, Romans 10:17)

Believe (Hebrews 11:6, Acts 15:7)

Repent (Acts 2:38)

Confess (Acts 8:36, Romans 10:10)

Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38) or

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

- Be reconciled unto the Lord (**1 John 1:8-9**);
or
- Desire prayer. (**James 5:16**).