

“MEN OF VALOR & HONOR WHO ARE VALIANT”

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Introduction...

You are Men of Valor, You are Men of Honor! You are Valiant Men! You are brave! You are boldly courageous! You carry honor within your very spirit! You are heroic! You are men who carry the very power of the Holy Spirit! You are men of integrity and high respect!

You are a man that carries honor and respect, you are a man who carries Godly integrity, who carries the very character of Christ within you!

Men you were created from the dust of the ground! **Genesis 2:7**

Man was created from the dust of the ground! **Genesis 1:26** “Wild at Heart” by John Eldredge. After God had created man, He created the Garden of Eden. He then put man into the garden and there in the Garden of Eden He created woman. **Genesis 2:8; Genesis 2:15; Genesis 2:22-23**

Deep in the heart of man there is a fierce part of him that God created him with. This fierce part is a need to be a valiant warrior! When man was created this need was built into his very soul. Society wants to tame our men! We’ve all seen little boys with each other – there is a need to be the strongest one, the biggest one, the one who is recognized as being fierce!

What is a Man of Valor?

A “man of valor” is “an individual distinguished, or marked, by exceptional courage, honor, and moral strength.” The word valor is a noun, and it names the person. It says who they are.

What is a Valiant Man?

A valiant man is “a man who shows exceptional courage, determination, and bravery, especially when facing difficult odds, danger, or adversity.” The word valiant is a descriptive word, and adjective, and it describes the man of valor and what he’s done.

What is a Man of Honor?

A Man of Honor is “a person of high moral integrity who is respected for his trustworthiness, honesty, and dedication to doing the right thing.” A man of honor lives a life of integrity and righteousness, obedience to God.

Biblical honor is to acknowledging the worth God has placed on people. To carry honor is to live your life with a deep commitment to Godly integrity and Godly character, holding yourself to a high moral standard.

David’s Men

Samuel’s prophesy **1 Samuel 16**. Saul became jealous of David and sought to kill him. **1 Samuel 19-22**. While David escapes to the cave of Adullam – **1 Samuel 22:1-2**.

Everyone who was in distress! Everyone who was in a narrow place feeling the stress of their situations! Everyone who was in debt! Everyone who was discontented! Everyone who was bitter and angry! These are who God sent to David to help him!

David trained them! David recognized that God had sent them, and he saw the potential in each of them, and thru David’s leadership these men were trained to be an elite, highly trained fighting force for the Lord!

David gathered and trained a core of men, he formed 37 elite warriors, the Bible talks about them as Mighty Warriors. **2 Samuel 23:17-39, 2 Samuel 23:8**. *Are you ready to be some of the fiercest warriors for the Kingdom of God?!*

Gadites - **1 Chronicles 12:8** – They could handle a shield and spear, this symbolizes the shield of faith we carry as we are clothed in the Lord’s armor! Their faces were like the faces of lions. This symbolizes fierce boldness and courage, fearless leaders who brought fear to their enemies. King Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah! They were swift as gazelles on the mountains. This symbolizes speed and endurance, allowing them to surprise attack and to pursue the enemy quickly.

How do I become a man of valor, a man of honor, a valiant warrior for the Lord?

I want to say right here that the enemy will come to you, and tell you that you will never become one of the elite men of valor for the Lord! The enemy is a liar – he is the father of lies! **John 8:44b**

Necessary steps to becoming a man of valor, a man of honor and a valiant warrior...

A **vow** before God - You must begin by making a commitment to the Lord, an **unshakable commitment!** To make an **unshakable commitment** means that no matter what may come, you will serve the Lord, steadfastly! **1 Corinthians 16:13**

The **Word** - To be skilled at wielding a sword, you must be in the Word! **Ephesians 6:12**

Prayer - To be an alert and watchful warrior begins with a dedicated prayer life. **James 1:16**

Faith – Take up the shield of faith. Wear faith like a shield over your body. Live a life of faith.

Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit - we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit and in Christ’s Name alone we have victory! **Zechariah 4:6**

Scriptures:

Psalm 37:23; Psalm 34:8; Psalm 40:4; Psalm 94:12; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 24:5a; Jeremiah 17:7-8