

# Everyone Matters

**Scripture:** *“The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.” ~ I Corinthians 3:8*

**Memo:** In order to understand today’s lesson, please read I Samuel 30:1-3, 16-25!

One day, when David and his men returned to the town they were staying after being away taking care of business. They arrived to a horrible scene. The Amalekites had attacked, burned everything to the ground, and taken all the wives, women, and children. David prayed and asked the Lord, “Shall we go after the enemy? Will we catch them and defeat them?” The Lord told David that He would go with him and allow him to find and beat the enemy. With a heavy heart, David summoned his men for another battle. As they set out to find the Amalekites, some of David’s men became too exhausted to carry on and were left behind. The others, however, went on and attacked the Amalekites, taking back all their possessions. They rescued their wives and children. When those who had gone out to fight got back, they didn’t want to share what they had brought back with those who had stayed behind. David, however being a man of wisdom, said, “Everyone gets the same. Why? Because those who guarded the supplies must get the same as those who went into battle.” After reading this story, one question comes to mind. **Is everyone’s work for the Lord equally important?**

One would think that David’s defeat of the Amalekites was far more important than looking after sheep? Surely, a shepherd’s task of guarding sheep is not as important as defending people against their enemies. Yet to God the most important thing is not the size of the task, but whether we are obedient and faithful. God was just as pleased with David while he was a shepherd as when he was out fighting Israel’s enemies. Each of us has been given a task in God’s kingdom. When we do it well, God trusts us with another, maybe bigger and more difficult task. When David had proved his faithfulness and courage by looking after his father’s sheep, the Lord knew that he was ready for another task—looking after His people.

*Prayer: Lord, let me always be faithful to the task you give me whether big or small. In Jesus name, Amen!*

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