

# IT'S COMPLICATED

## Part 3: Doing Good

### GOD'S WAYS ARE DIFFERENT

#### A. **The way the world works**

1. Basic motivators are fear, pride and selfishness

#### B. **The way God's Kingdom works**

1. Faith, humility and love are key components
  - a. Believing before we see, acknowledging God, what can I give to the relationship

#### C. **A key principle to God's kingdom and our relationships - sowing and reaping** *(Galatians 6:7-10 NKJV)*

1. We can't control other people - only ourselves and the seeds we sow
2. We are encouraged to sow good seeds - called doing good

### A GREAT PICTURE OF DOING GOOD

#### A. **There could have been a fight in the valley** *(1 Samuel 30:9-10 NIV)*

1. What do you mean you're too tired?!!!
2. These 200 men just decreased the odds of them winning
  - a. But David kept going

#### B. **There could have been the cold shoulder** *(1 Samuel 30:16-19; 21-26 NIV)*

1. Would have been easy to treat these 200 men with contempt - disgust, less than
2. Instead David inquired as to how they were doing
  - a. But it was David and his men who risked and fought

#### C. **There could have been people who were cut out of any blessing**

1. David treated the 200 better than they deserved - by giving them their share
2. And David gave gifts to the people in his life

#### D. **But there was a secret to David doing good**

1. He believed it was ultimately the Lord that gave them victory - humility
  - a. Easier to give when you believe the Lord will help and provide for you

### SOWING GOOD SEEDS (DOING GOOD) IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

#### A. **Buy into the kingdom principle of sowing and reaping**

1. Requires a level of faith on our part - this is God's plan
  - a. This will turn out for my good - long term strategy

#### B. **Planting good seeds - the "Golden Rule" of relationships** *(Matthew 7:12 NLT)*

1. Seeds of forgiveness
  - a. When people disappoint us
  - b. When people do us wrong
2. Seeds of kindness
  - a. When people are weak - everyone has their weak spots
  - b. Punishing weakness won't cure it
3. Seeds of generosity
  - a. To those who can not pay you back
  - b. To those who come across your path

#### C. **Our secret to doing good**

1. We believe God is and will be generous to us - leaning on Him for help in our lives
2. Because the Lord has been forgiving and kind to us *(Romans 5:6 NKJ)*

**Galatians 6:7-10 (NKJV)**

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**1 Samuel 30:9-10 (NIV)**

9 David and the six hundred men with him came to the Besor Valley, where some stayed behind. 10 Two hundred of them were too exhausted to cross the valley, but David and the other four hundred continued the pursuit.

**1 Samuel 30:16-19; 21-26 (NIV)**

16 He led David down, and there they were, scattered over the countryside, eating, drinking and reveling because of the great amount of plunder they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from Judah. 17 David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away, except four hundred young men who rode off on camels and fled. 18 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives. 19 Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back.

21 Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley. They came out to meet David and the men with him. As David and his men approached, he asked them how they were. 22 But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

23 David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the Lord has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us. 24 Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike." 25 David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.

26 When David reached Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying, "Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the Lord's enemies."

**Matthew 7:12 (NLT)**

12 "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

**Romans 5:6 (NKJV)**

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.