

Super Bowl Greatness

David = I Samuel 17

To win the Super Bowl and achieve the awesome title of MVP – has got to be the highest goal of every football player! As Christians, we certainly can have Super Bowl style qualities in our lives!

Today... there is a huge need for over-the-top courage, fortress-like fortitude, and Stadium-Size boldness in Christians. If you are saved you are to be a good soldier of the cross. We can also have Super Bowl Type traits with our fellow players on God's Gridiron!

David = I Samuel 17. Some have said that Goliath was 9 feet 9 inches tall, his coat of armor weighed 125 lbs. His spear weighed about 17 lbs; the spearhead weighed about 15 lbs = 32 lbs. With human odds stacked against him, what was it that made David, Super bowl MVP material?

- **V. 32** – David's Faith in God's Ability – he believed that he would defeat Goliath.
- **V. 37** – David's Reliance on the Lord, for Victory – David remembered past victories (*lion / bear*).
- **V. 52** – David's Example – inspired courage in the armies of Israel to defeat the enemy.

Let's consider three Super Bowl MVP qualities that every Christian must have...

I. Do Right – Concertedly: (*Resolve / Determination*) Decide to do what is right, whether anyone else does or not.

- (Text...)** David certainly knew about danger... Danger was always around – just like football. In 2010, the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research reported that between High School, College and Pro football = Five direct fatalities / 11 indirect fatalities in the game! In fact, since 1931, deaths directly related to football = 179 – sandlot, 78 – Pro, 676 – High School, 88 – College, for a grand total of = 1021 deaths.
- Esther 5:1-2** – Esther risked her life to save her people.
- Genesis 6: 13-14** – Noah was called to build an ark; preached 120yr.
- Joshua 1: 5, 6, 7, 9, and 18** – Joshua was commissioned by God to lead Israel across the Jordan River to the Promised Land. = POINT: Ask God for help --- Claim His promises!

II. Do Right – Collectively: If you find others who will do right, join with them.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 “And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

- Get with people** – who want to live right and please God - it may be people who are not very popular but these folks will be a real friend... one that edifies (builds up)
- Take up for people** – who are in the right; be a friend to them!

III. Do Right – Consistently: and others will follow.

- People Watch** – they are watching you = **Romans 14:7** “For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”
- People Talk** – When you live right; talk right, you will stand out! People see God's blessings in your life.
- People Change** – You can make a difference in someone's life!