

“WHAT MAKES A HERO”

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Key verse:

“I will make the godly of the land my heroes.” Psalm 101:6 (LB)

1. REAL HEROES STAND ALONE FOR WHAT’S RIGHT

“These are the three most heroic men in David’s army: Josheb... Eleazar, the son of Dodo...and Shammah. Once during an attack, when all his men deserted him, he (Shammah) stood alone at the center of a field...and beat back the Philistines; and God gave him a great victory.” 2 Samuel 23:8-12 (LB)

“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.” Exodus 23:2a (NIV)

“Destruction is certain for those who say that evil is good and good is evil; that dark is light and light is dark...” Isaiah 5:20 (NLT)

“Do not model your behavior on the contemporary world, but let the renewing of your minds transform you, so that you may discern the will of God – what is good and acceptable and mature.” Romans 12:2 (NJB)

“Blessed are you who give yourselves over to God, turn your backs on the world’s ‘sure thing,’ and ignore what the world worships” Psalm 40:4 (Mes)

DO I?

2. REAL HEROES MAKE SACRIFICES FOR OTHERS

(Jesus) “Whoever wants to be great must become a servant.” Matthew 20:26 (Mes)

“Jesus brought the sacrifice for the sins of the people once and for all when He sacrificed Himself.” Hebrews 7:27 (GW)

(Jesus) “...if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of My followers, you will surely be rewarded.” Matthew 10:42 (NLT)

“Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless. Speak for them...and protect the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8-9 (GN)

3. REAL HEROES TAKE RISKS FOR GOD

“Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up holding the bag.” Luke 19:26 (Mes)

(Paul) *“...why do you think I keep risking my neck in this dangerous work? I look death in the face practically every day I live. Do you think I’d do this if I wasn’t convinced of your resurrection and mine as guaranteed by the resurrected Jesus? Do you think I was just trying to act heroic...Not on your life! It’s the resurrection that undergirds what I do and say, and the way I live.”*

1 Corinthians 15:30-32a (Mes)

“...If we will never live again after we die, then we might as well go and have ourselves a good time; let us eat, drink and be merry. What’s the difference? For tomorrow we die, and that ends everything! Don’t be fooled by those who say such things.”

1 Corinthians 15:32b-33 (LB)

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.”

Mark 8:35 (NLT)

DO I?

(Jesus) *“Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most.”* Matthew 25:28 (Mes)

(Jesus) *“...anyone who sacrifices home, family, fields – whatever – because of Me will get it all back a hundred times over, not to mention the considerable bonus of eternal life.”*

Matthew 19:29 (Mes)