

Negating the Naysayers

Life Skills – Part 1

“If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but SKILL will bring SUCCESS.”
Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

Types of Naysayers

(1 Samuel 17:1-52)

1) The delayers who hold you back.

“David’s three oldest brothers stayed with Saul’s army, but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.” vs. 14-15 (NLT)

2) The fearful who discourage you.

“I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!’ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.” vs. 10-11 (NLT)

“...Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?” vs. 26 (NLT)

3) The disapproving who question your motives.

“When David’s oldest brother heard David talking with the soldiers, he was angry... ‘Why did you come here?...I know you are proud and wicked at heart’” vs. 28 (NCV)

Skills Needed to Negate the Naysayers

1) Remember they are not God.

“The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that.” Proverbs 29:25 (Msg.)

“Don’t fear anything except the Lord...If you fear him, you need fear nothing else.” Isaiah 8:13 (LB)

2) Don’t let them distract you

“He walked over to some others and asked them the same thing and received the same answer.” vs. 30 (NLT)

“So I sent messengers to them with this answer: ‘I am doing a great work, and I can’t come down.’”
Nehemiah 6:3 (NCV)

3) Stay focused on God’s promises.

“The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” vs. 37 (NIV)

“Lord, give me your unfailing love, the salvation that you promised me. Then I can answer those who taunt me, for I trust in your word.” Psalm 119:41-42 (NLT)