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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1496 ~ Abigail befriends David.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

In 1995, an elderly lady in the United States became publicly known after making a large donation to the education of African American people. She herself had dropped out of school in sixth grade to help care for sick relatives and work with her mother doing other people's laundry. The lady continued on throughout her life doing laundry. When the bills were paid each week, she deposited the leftover money into her bank account. She also loved the Lord and spent time each day reading the Bible and praying.

Year after year the lady lived a quiet life of integrity. When she was 86 years old, her banker asked her what she wanted to do with all her money. To her astonishment, the lady had a quarter of a million dollars in her bank account, and which she decided to give away. The lady requested that her name not be used in any public way about her donation. But word got out and she was invited to speak in many different places. This dear lady proved that greatness is measured not by birth or wealth or fame, but by character. We all have the resources to be great in the kingdom of our Lord because we can all give ourselves to Him.

In the Bible book 2 Corinthians, Chapter 9, it says that God loves a cheerful giver. We are to decide in our hearts what we want to give and then do so, without force or resentment over how much we're giving.

Some people in the world have the idea that no one can ever have enough money. So they live their lives trying to build up their worldly assets and put their future security into wealth. Yet they cannot take any of these things with them into the next world. Wealth and power often go hand-in-hand together. And an attitude of self importance usually is not too far behind.

Today we hear about a man who used his wealth to boost his own ego and then tried to make others envious of his abundance.

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Did you ever wonder how David and his six hundred men could live in a wilderness or a forest and have enough food to eat each day? With the start of the sheep shearing David's group was desperate for food. When they had lived previously with Nabal's shepherds, David's men had protected Nabal's sheep from robbers and trouble. The shepherds were very grateful for this. Although Nabal was the person who received the greatest financial gain from this protection, he was not grateful and when approached this time for food, sent away David's group of young men with nothing.

We see Abigail making amends with David behind Nabal's back to make things right for her entire household. Should she have done this? Some people will say "No", she should have submitted to Nabal's decision. Yet wisdom and legalism are opposites. Legalism is the fulfilling of the law without compassion and care for others. In the Gospel book of Luke, Chapter 14, the Lord Jesus challenged the religious men of His day over this. Was it right to heal a sick man on the Sabbath day of rest? Jesus reminded them that if a child or animal had fallen into a well on such a day, it would have been helped out immediately. Legalism is slavery to rules and the opposite of trusting God to work out the events in each situation.

True wisdom comes from God. In the Bible book Proverbs Chapter 2 it says: “It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from him comes knowledge and understanding.” And in Chapter 5 of the same book: “My child, pay attention and listen to my wisdom and insight. Then you will know how to behave properly.” Abigail did not know David’s men had visited Nabal But as soon as she was told she took action to rectify the matter.

When David’s men returned to him empty-handed, David decided to punish Nabal for his lack of charity. If David’s men were to kill all the people on Nabal’s land, there would certainly be enough for them all to eat for a long time. When Abigail met David, however, with a good stock of provisions he accepted them and listened to her request not to kill innocent people. Later when David would be king and had plenty of everything, Abigail told David he would regret taking human life for food at this time.

There are three levels of life we can live on: We can return evil for good. This is what Nabal did. His name means “fool.” He acted foolishly by not sharing his food.

Secondly, we can return evil for evil. David planned to do this when he commanded his men to get ready for revenge.

Or thirdly, we can overcome evil with good. When David met Abigail, God used her to stop David from doing harm. She reminded him that memories of doing such a thing would haunt him later on. In the New Testament book of First Thessalonians, Chapter 5, those who love the Lord are commanded to: “See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people.”

Take all your problems to God in prayer. It is only in God’s power we can overcome evil with good and stand firm against Satan’s attacks on our mind and heart.

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