



TALK IT OVER

Defeating Giants

BOTTOM LINE

Without correct motives, courage is lacking.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Share a big challenge you faced in your teen years, either fun or serious? What made it significant? How did it end?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [Dealing with Christian Criticism](#) by Craig Groeschel

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.
Proverbs 16:2 NIV

David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!" 1 Samuel 17:45-47 NLT

"The first thing to check in your life when facing a giant is your motives."
– Todd Clark

"If you want to experience victories in big ways tomorrow, you must be faithful in small ways today." – Todd Clark

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What would you consider a potential giant in your life; something that threatens your progress or success? Checking your motives is vital. What questions would you ask yourself to honestly discover your motives? What evidence do you see in David that his motives were honest? If your motives are right, you won't brag about your success. Agree or disagree? Explain. When you face giants, you will face criticism. How is your response to criticism and discouraging words critical to your future? "I will not allow my critics to determine my future" was David's decision. How do you make certain criticism doesn't derail you? What have you found helpful in refusing to become defensive? How do you recognize the small choices and victories you must win on a daily basis to train for the giants? What are some "small areas" God is challenging you with right now? What is a giant you need to face before Easter?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will allow courage to grow by checking my motives and daily facing the smaller challenges, dealing with criticism without defensiveness. This week I will work with God on this giant: _____

My Action Step: _____