

Toolbox for Life – Part 1 of 4: Ignoring the Naysayers

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

Webster's dictionary: a naysayer *is a person who says something won't work or isn't possible, a cynic who habitually expresses pessimistic views.*

3 NAYSAYERS DAVID FACED BEFORE GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17:1-52

1. His _____ held him back.

1 Samuel 17: 12–15: David was the youngest of Jesse's eight sons...His three older brothers **enlisted in Saul's army** but David was held back to care for the sheep in Bethlehem. Who was/is your naysayer?

2. Everyone else was _____.

1 Samuel 17: 8 – 11: Each day Goliath would stand and shout at the ranks of Israel's army, 'Why do you come out here and line up for battle? ... Choose one man to fight me. If he's able to kill me, we will become your subjects but if I kill him then you will become our subjects and serve us; Day after day Goliath taunted them saying 'This day I defy the ranks of Israel!' When King Saul and the Israelites heard this, everyone was deeply shaken and paralyzed with fear.

3. His _____ questioned his motives.

1 Samuel 17: 28: David asked, 'What's the reward for killing this Philistine and ending this disgraceful abuse?' ... When David's older brother heard this he burned with anger at David and said 'Why are YOU even here anyway? Why aren't you taking care of your scrawny little flock of sheep? Then David said, 'Can't I even ask a question?'

HOW TO DEFEAT NAYSAYERS IN YOUR LIFE

1. Remember they are not God!
2. Don't get distracted by negativity, by the people who say it can't be done.
3. Never attack a naysayer.
4. Stay focused on God & God's promises.



December 30 –
January 20

We all need a toolbox of skills to succeed in life and the Bible is filled with wise instructions. Our sincere desire and determination alone is not enough. Many people work hard. But it's not about working hard, it's about working smart. It's about working God's way. Pastor Thom will teach us how to develop skills we need to succeed.

December 30 Ignoring the Naysayers

In this first message we'll explore 1 Samuel 17:1-52 and learn how to deal with the negative people in our lives through David and the four naysayers he faced before he faced Goliath.

January 6 Knowing What Matters Most

Together we'll learn to recognize what's important and what's not important by looking at questions that will not only determine our success in our life and work, but will determine our destiny.

January 13 Maximizing Your Strengths

Discover how to maximize your strengths by studying how God has wired you. In this message we will learn the five elements God uses to "SHAPE" our lives.

January 20 Learning How to Use Life's Throttle

Every great accomplishment has an element of timing to it. Pastor Thom will look at the skill of timing, teaching the difference between when to go fast and when to go slow.