

# David's Army<sup>1</sup>

## 1 Chronicles 12

### Introduction:

- A. David about to be made king - His army is growing.
  - 1. Christ is our king, we are his army. (2 Tim. 2:3,4).
  - 2. We can learn from David's army. (cf. Rom. 15:4).
- B. David's soldiers were volunteers - so are Christ's.
- C. *We want to notice the characteristics of David's soldiers from the various tribes of Israel.*

### Discussion:

- I. The Gadites (v. 8).**
  - A. They "separated themselves unto David." (KJV).
    - 1. Christians are separated unto Christ. (2 Cor. 6:17).
    - 2. Christians are "sanctified" or "saints." (cf. 1 Cor. 1:2)
  - B. They were "men trained for battle." (cf. Eph. 6:11-16).
  - C. They let nothing stand in their way of coming to David. (v. 15).
- II. The Benjaminites. (vv. 16-18).**
  - A. They said, "We are yours." (cf. Gal. 2:20; 3:29).
  - B. They said, "We are on your side."
    - 1. Too many today on wrong side or on the fence.
    - 2. Too many today will not let you know where they stand on vital issues.
    - 3. Too many on Lord's side -- until going gets rough. (cf. 2 Tim. 4:16)
- III. The Tribe of Manasseh. (vv. 21-22).**
  - A. They helped David against bands of raiders.
  - B. They "came to David day by day to help him."
    - 1. Need people that can be depended on day by day. (Acts 2:42; 5:46)
    - 2. Need people who will help and not hinder.
  - C. They were "mighty men of valor" as were Simeonites (v. 25).
- IV. The Tribe of Judah. (vv. 23, 24).**
  - A. They were "ready" (KJV) and "prepared" (KJV-Margin).
  - B. Church needs such people. (Tit. 3:1).
- V. The Tribe of Levi. (vv. 26-27).**
  - A. The priestly tribe.
    - 1. Were to pray and fight.
    - 2. Nehemiah prayed and fought. (Neh. 4:9,17,18).
  - B. Christians as priests of God, need to pray, work and fight. (Ill. Two boys late to school).
- VI. The Tribe of Ephraim. (v. 30).**
  - A. They were "famous" or "men of names" (Marg.).
  - B. They used influence on the side right - Church and world needs such men.
- VII. The Tribe of Issachar. (v. 32).**
  - A. They "had understanding of the times."
    - 1. We need men who are alert to modern trends, etc.
    - 2. We need men who know what's going on in morals and religion in the church and society.
  - B. They knew "what Israel ought to do."
    - 1. Church needs leaders with such vision.
    - 2. Church needs those who know what church ought to and when it ought to do it.
- VIII. The Tribe of Zebulun (v. 33).**
  - A. They were "men who could keep rank."
    - 1. Were able to march together, rather than each to his own rate or road.
    - 2. Church needs men who will work with others. (Ill. a ball team).
  - B. They were "stouthearted" (NKJ) or "not of double heart". (KJV).
    - 1. One purpose. (cf. Phil. 3:13).
    - 2. Early church grew because apostles kept focused one purpose.

### Conclusion

- A. All the men were loyal and united. (v. 38).
- B. Lord needs such soldiers today - won't you enlist in his army by obeying the gospel?

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