

2 Samuel 23:20–23 NKJV “Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. And he killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand, and killed him with his own spear. These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men. He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him over his guard.”

2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV The eyes of the Lord look to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Lionhearted People

1. Lionhearted People Understand That Real Faith Requires Risk.

- **2 Samuel 23:20** NKJV He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** NKJV “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

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2. Lionhearted People Respond Based on Conviction Not Conditions.


- **2 Samuel 23:20** NKJV “...he also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.”
- **Ecclesiastes 11:4** NKJV He who observes the wind will not sow, And he who regards the clouds will not reap.

A) You Get A Word From God

- **Hebrews 11:3** NKJV By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...
- **1 Kings 17:13–14** NKJV ...Do not fear... make me a small cake from it first... For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry...’

B) Obey The Uncction

- **Romans 8:14** NKJV For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- **Acts 13:2** NKJV As they ministered the Lord and fasted, The Holy Spirit said, separate me Barnabas and Saul.
- **Acts 20:22–23** NKJV ... I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there. Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, daying that bond and afflictions abide me.
- **Proverbs 20:27** NKJV The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD...

 **C) Wise Counsel**

- **Acts 15:28 NKJV** For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us...

 **D) Ask Yourself: Is It Right Or Is It Wrong?**

- **1 Samuel 17:29 NKJV** Is there not a cause?

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 **3. Lionhearted People Run Toward the Roar.**

- **2 Samuel 23:20 NKJV** He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.”
- **James 2:20 NKJV** But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?
- **James 1:6 NKJV** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
- **James 1:7 NKJV** For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
- **Joshua 1:9 NKJV** Be strong and of good courage... for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

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 **4. Lionhearted People Are Perfected in the Pit.**

- **2 Samuel 23:20 NKJV** He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.
- **James 1:2–4 NKJV** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing
- **Genesis 50:20 NKJV** “You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...”

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 **5. Lionhearted People Receive Reward.**

- **2 Samuel 23:22–23 NKJV** These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men. He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him over his guard.”
- **Colossians 3:23 NKJV** And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”

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