

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Gracious and Merciful

Do you keep your word? When you give your word, do people know you will honor the Lord and your word?

Do you have integrity?

Are you gracious and merciful and benevolent to others?

James 5:12 *But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.*

Vs 1-8 David made a promise to Saul and Jonathan that he would not hurt Saul's descendants.

This shows David's character that he would keep his promise.

This shows that David is not a normal king. He wants to bless his people and he is not worried about some other king hurting his dynasty. He wants to honor the Lord.

David was gracious and merciful with what he had, even when he did not need to be. This honored God and Saul and Jonathan.

Colossians 3:12-17 *12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Vs 9-13 It appears that Ziba is the one that attends Saul's old estate. Since Saul owned an estate Mephibosheth was the heir to all of it.

David did not stop in making sure the grandson got what was rightly his, David made sure that he ate with the king in the same way that he would have eaten with Saul.

People could have looked down on Mephibosheth because he was handicapped. David treated him as the line of the king.

James 4:1-12 *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God**? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world **makes himself an enemy of God**. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.**” 7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you. 8 **Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.** 9 *Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.* 10 *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. *The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.* 12 *There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?*

We are all sinners.

We all need Jesus to save us and help us be better.

If we remember we are sinners in need of a Savior, it will help us to be humble and help us to keep our word and care for others.