

CELEBRATE AND GIVE

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David had recovered all. He had recovered his flocks, he had recovered his silver and gold and he had recovered his family. What a happy day! David had been on the brink of disaster. He had been to the gates of hell as it were and through faith in Jehovah and against all odds, he had recovered all.

As David looked around the camp of the Amalekites, he realized that there was an abundance of spoil that had not come from Ziklag. The Amalekites had their own flocks and herds; they had their own silver and gold, but though the Amalekites were gone, their stuff was still there. David looked at the vast amount of Amalekite wealth and made this declaration; "This is David's spoil."

In an amazing twist of fate, David actually came out of the Ziklag catastrophe enriched. Such are the ways of God! What Satan desires to destroy us with can actually be used by God to bless us with. Whatever you might be going through right now can be used by God to become the stepping stone to the greatest blessing of your life!

The ways of God are such that He not only makes it possible for us to recover all, but He wants us to be able to celebrate what we have recovered!

David and his men loaded up the spoil from their great victory over the Amalekites and returned with their families to Ziklag. The amount of wealth that had been recovered was staggering. What David does next reveals to us one of the reasons why he was such a great leader and a man after God's own heart. David gave an offering from the spoil.

David was not merely interested in getting rich and filling his own back account, David had a giving spirit and he wanted to bless others with what God had so richly blessed him with.

Can the same be said about us? Do we delight in blessing others?

Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive.

God wants to bless others through us! Can God trust you with a blessing? Will you keep and hoard the things that God blesses you with or will you be willing to share and be a blessing to other people and the kingdom of God?

Heb 13:16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God. NLT