David's Army
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 of 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. (III. 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 one 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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