

## RECEIVING EVIL FOR GOOD

Introduction: The lost often will return \_\_\_\_\_ for the good that believers may show to them. It is then a challenge to not give in and return evil for evil. God is One Who often returns \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of the evil done to Him (1 Pe. 3:9).

- I. Giving \_\_\_\_\_ to Others (1 Sam. 23:1-6).
  - A. Although not sitting on the throne, David took \_\_\_\_\_ for protecting the nation of Israel.
  - B. "Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good \_\_\_\_\_ make war" (Prov. 20:18).
  - C. Those under your leadership will face \_\_\_\_\_ when you lead them into uncharted waters.
  - D. Leaders need to show their followers that the \_\_\_\_\_ is one from God and not themselves.
  - E. When the Lord is in it, we will \_\_\_\_\_ have victory.
- II. Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ for Good (1 Sam. 23:7-13).
  - A. Saul had a distorted \_\_\_\_\_ of God and God's will.
  - B. "God \_\_\_\_\_ all men better than themselves, knows their length, their strength, what is in them, and what they will do if they come into such and such circumstances. He therefore knows not only what will be, but what would be if it were not prevented" (Henry).
  - C. Despite having been delivered by David, the people of Keilah would \_\_\_\_\_ him to Saul.
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ knew what it was like to receive evil for good (Jn. 10:32; Ps. 35:12; 109:4).
  - E. David asked for the ephod; we say, "Bring hither the \_\_\_\_\_."
- III. Gaining \_\_\_\_\_ from God (1 Sam. 23:14-29)
  - A. Saul could search everyday, but God kept David \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 27:5).
  - B. God will send encouragement just when we need it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Encouraging others is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro. 12:8; Acts 4:36).
  - D. Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ David of what God had said.
  - E. In spite of being surrounded, God brought \_\_\_\_\_ to His servant.

Conclusion: "What a needed ministry today! The church would greatly benefit if there were more encouragers around" (MacDonald).