

# GIFTED

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# Giant Gifts

1 Samuel 16 & 17



## 1 Samuel 16:14-15

**14** Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

**15** Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. **16** Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

**17** So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

## 1 Samuel 16:21-23

**21** David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. **22** Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.”

**23** Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

## 1 Samuel 17:1-11

**1** Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. **2** Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. **3** The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

## 1 Samuel 17:1-11

**4** A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. **5** He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; **6** on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. **7** His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

## 1 Samuel 17:1-11

**8** Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. **9** If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” **10** Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” **11** On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

## 1 Samuel 17:32-40

**32** David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

**33** Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”



## 1 Samuel 17: 32-37

**34** But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, **35** I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. **36** Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. **37** The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

## 1 Samuel 17:32-37

**38** Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. **39** David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. **40** Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

## 1 Samuel 17:48-50

**48** As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. **49** Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

**50** So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

## Discussion Questions

- 1.) What is your **Sling**? (Natural gift)
- 2.) What is your **Harp**? (Supernatural gift)
- 3.) What is your **Armor**? (Anything that holds you back from using your gifts)