



“Now these are they who came to David at Ziklag, while he yet restricted himself, because of Saul, the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, helpers in the war. They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul’s brethren of Benjamin.”
1 Chronicles 12:1-2

It is rare today to find anything that is balanced. Extremes of one sort or another appear to be the prevailing “modus operandi”. Today we have x-sports – extreme sports that push the body and equipment to the edge of both stamina and sanity. Throughout our culture we see this exclusion of balance in favor of extremes. It is rare to find a General Practitioner as most doctors have specialized in specific fields of medicine. And so it goes.

But these men who came to David could use either right or left hand as they fought their battles, and equally they could use different weapons with the self same dexterity. And what of the Christian life – have you pursued only one favorite doctrine to the exclusion of a balanced, mature Christian lifestyle? “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Let’s check your balance shall we? Could you offer even a modest discussion of these six elementary or kindergarten doctrines as laid out in the book of Hebrews? Humm?

“So let us stop going over the basics of Christianity again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start all over again with the importance of turning away from evil deeds (*repentance*) and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.” Hebrews 6:1-2 NLT

Well, how’d you do? Is it time to “crack the Book”?