



“Now these are they who came to David at Ziklag... of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the stronghold in the wilderness, men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions and who were as swift as the roes upon the mountains.” 1 Chronicles 12:1, 8.

We understand that the number six represents man. (Revelation 13:18) In this passage of Scripture we see six characteristics of mature men that can easily be applied to our Christian walk.

First, these men were separated to David. Is your life separated to Jesus Christ? We are “called with a holy calling.” (2 Timothy 1:9) Next, we too, are called to be “strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” This speaks of the vitality of our faith. (Ephesians 6:10). Third, we are expected to be ready for a spiritual fight. “For we wrestle... against principalities, powers... (Ephesians 6:12) It was a given that a warrior could handle a shield and a sword, so too, we are to demonstrate skillfulness with the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit – the word of God.

And what of this face of a lion? “The righteous are as bold as a lion” (Proverb 28:1) The righteousness of Christ in us releases us from the fear of man and enables us to stand boldly before our Heavenly Father. (Hebrews 4:16) And lastly, these ancient warriors were of swift and steady foot. How fleet of foot is your gospel witness? How quickly are you prepared to tell others of the love of Jesus Christ?

Well, friend, how do you measure up to these Gadites? “Lord, in these areas I need Your help...”