

# 1 Samuel 25:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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David's response reveals dangerous anger. The Hebrew imperative 'chigru' (gird on) commands battle preparation. David arms himself ('David also girded on his sword') joining his men in combat readiness. The division—four hundred attacking, two hundred guarding supplies ('stuff')—indicates tactical organization for punitive raid. David's instant military response to verbal insult, without prayer or divine consultation, contrasts sharply with his careful inquiry before attacking Philistines (23:2) or sparing Saul (chapter 24). Anger, even justified anger, led David toward action he would later recognize as wrong. Abigail's intervention would prevent disaster.

## Historical Context

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Military expeditions typically left guards for supplies and camp. The four-hundred-man force represented overwhelming strength against an unfortified household.

David's failure to seek divine guidance, unlike his practice before other significant actions, indicates emotional reaction overriding spiritual discipline.

## Related Passages

## **Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith**

## **Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation**

## Study Questions

1. What happens when we respond to insults with force rather than seeking God's direction?
2. How does David's response to Nabal contrast with his patient response to Saul?

## Interlinear Text

רָבֶּה	וְיֹאמֶר	אָשָׁר	וַיְחִזֵּק	רְאִי	אָשָׁר	אָתָה	וְרָבֶּה
<b>said</b>	<b>And David</b>	<b>every man</b>	<b>And they girded on</b>	<b>every man</b>			<b>his sword</b>
H559	H1732	H376	H2296	H376			H2719
וְיֹאמֶר	וַיְחִזֵּק	אָשָׁר	וְרָבֶּה	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר
<b>And they girded on</b>	<b>every man</b>	<b>H853</b>	<b>his sword</b>	<b>And they girded on</b>			<b>H1571</b>
H2296	H376	H2719	H2296	H2296			
וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר
<b>And David</b>	<b>H853</b>	<b>his sword</b>	<b>and there went up</b>	<b>after</b>	<b>And David</b>	<b>about four</b>	
H1732	H2719	H5927	H310	H1732	H702		
וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר	וְיֹאמֶר
<b>and two hundred</b>	<b>every man</b>	<b>H376</b>	<b>and two hundred</b>	<b>abode</b>	<b>H5921</b>	<b>by the stuff</b>	
H3967	H376	H3967	H3427	H3427	H3627		

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 23:13** (References David): Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

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