

**Life of David**  
**41 – Success is Overrated**  
**I Samuel 17:48-58**  
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- I. David's Legitimate, God-Given Success
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- I. David's Gracious, God-Enabled Faithfulness in Success
  - A. True Friends – David and Jonathan
    1. Both kept themselves from envy.
  
    2. Both viewed friendship as an opportunity to give, not gain.
  
    3. Both were loyal and committed to the friendship.
  
  - B. Fans – David and the People
    1. We must not believe the distortion of truth inherent in fame and fans.
  
    2. We must be aware that trouble may come for unwise and unwarranted praise.
  
    3. We must anticipate how quickly fans can turn into critics or even adversaries.
  
  - C. Superiors – David and Saul
    1. David resisted every temptation to be drawn into the same sins.
  
    2. David remained faithful and kept faithfulness as his singular aim.
  
    3. David waited on God in patience for the reward of faithfulness.
  
  - D. Romance – David and Michal