

No Wake Zone: Assessing Your Wake

1 Samuel 18:1-16

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ²From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. ³And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt. ⁵Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well. ⁶When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. ⁷As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." ⁸Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" ⁹And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. ¹⁰The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. ¹²Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. ¹³So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. ¹⁴In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. ¹⁵When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

I. Looking Back

A. Our _____ produces our wake; our wake doesn't _____.

B. Our wakes are either _____ people or _____ people.

C. We are _____ responsible for our wake.

D. Our wake will still be _____ people long after we are _____.

E. We have two sides to our wake: _____ and _____.

- A steep wake occurs whenever _____ take a back seat to _____.

Wake: The results we leave behind.

Character: The will to do what is right, as God defines right, regardless of the cost.

- A steep wake occurs whenever _____ take a back seat to _____.

F. We are a society of professional and recreational _____ and relational _____.

II. Assessing Your Wake

Matthew 12:30

"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters.

A. Are people better off when I move _____ their lives?

B. If they had the _____ would they do the _____ all over again?

C. Does my wake leave people _____ or _____?

D. Does my wake encourage _____ in others?

E. Does my wake leave people _____ or _____?

F. What is their _____ saying about my _____?

G. Does anybody ever come to me with a _____?

III. Living Life on Plane

A. _____ your weight.

1 John 3:23

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

B. _____ your weight.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.