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One of the most impacting things I learned the first time I took The Way Ministry's Foundational Class was the law of believing. Jesus Christ stated in Mark 11:24, "...What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, BELIEVE that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*." The law of believing, simply stated, is that what we believe for or expect, we receive. In the Foundational Class, I learned that this law can be applied to any category of life, including our business endeavors. If we want to experience success in our business endeavors, being bold in our believing is a good step to take.

David, who is described in the Bible as a man after God's own heart, is a great example of someone who was bold in believing. David wanted the job of fighting Goliath. So what did he do? He took bold believing action and managed to get a "job interview" with King Saul. In the presence of the king, David confidently told Saul that he wanted the job of fighting Goliath.

## I Samuel 17:32:

And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him [Goliath]; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

However, Saul told David that he was not able to do this job. So what did David do? Did he decide to come back the next day to see if Saul was in a better mood? No, that's not what David did! What did he do? David responded by giving his résumé of boldness.

## I Samuel 17:34-37:

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

Saul responded, "Go, and the Lord be with thee." David got the job he applied for. But David didn't just talk a good talk. He backed up his words with results. He actually slew Goliath, just as he said he would.

## I Samuel 17:48-50:

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him....

God helped David to prosper in this "business endeavor." And not only did David prosper in this situation, but the nation of Israel prospered as well because David was bold in his believing (I Samuel 17:52,53).

I remember applying these principles of bold believing to get a job while serving in the ministry's outreach program. I was working at a fast-food restaurant when our outreach team changed cities midyear. Since I was already familiar with the job, I decided to apply to work at the same restaurant in the new city.

I walked into the store with a spring in my step and boldly told the shift manager that I wanted to work there, starting immediately. To my surprise, he told me no! He said that the store was overstaffed and sales were way down. They were in financial trouble. So I said, "OK, I will apply at the store across the street." No, that's not what I said! I boldly stated my credentials and told him that God would prosper the store if they would hire me.

The shift manager hired me on the spot. I worked "heartily, as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23) to prove that he did not make the wrong decision. I backed up my words with actions, and as a result, I received the Employee of the Month Award my first month on the job.

A few months later, the general manager called me into her office to meet with her and the district manager. They informed me that sales in the store were way up and wanted to know how I did it. This led to a great discussion about how we can claim the prosperity that God is able and willing to give to His people when we are bold in our believing.

Why not be bold in your believing? You too can have the joy of seeing God prosper your life and the satisfaction of inspiring those who see your powerful example.