

# REJOICE ALWAYS

1 Thessalonians 5:16













## 1 SAMUEL 18:5

"So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants."



"So today, while the humble worker for God is following his employment, angels of God stand by his side, listening to his words, noting the manner in which his work is done, to see if larger responsibilities may be entrusted to his hands. Not by their wealth, their education, or their position does God estimate men. He estimates them by their purity of motive and their beauty of character."

(Ministry of Healing p.476-478)

#### 1 SAMUEL 18:14-16

"And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him. Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them"

# "Behaved Wisely...?"

The Hebrew word, Sakal, is quite interesting and is translated as "considers." One Hebrew lexicon defines Sakal as "to look at; to look at with the mind; to consider; to attend to." As Hebrew is a picturesque language, the word runs the gamut of possible definitions. It begins with looking at something, then mentally investigating it, and finally, all the way to attending to it. It is a word, then, that encompasses a process.



### 1 SAMUEL 18:30

"Then the princes of the Philistines went out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, that David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed"





"Lord, take my heart; for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul." {COL 159.3}



