

Men: Armed and Dangerous I

Genesis 14:14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, **he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house**, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. ¹⁶ So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

Five kings that attack the cities:

Hopelessness

Poverty

No development

Predators

Low education

What are the five kings who have over* run Columbus?

- Limited living wage jobs and economic opportunity for returning citizens
- No county wide ID for: homeless, victims of domestic violence, immigrants, veterans etc.
- Limited restorative justice for Children in schools
- Violence in the community
- Addictions: opioids, heroine, crack, alcohol, tobacco, sugar, caffeine etc.

They took all the provisions Vs 12

They took the citizens captives. Vs 16

- They (the enemy) had a history of conquering

I

Men must stop and confront these kings.

Men must be armed.

Ephesians 6:14-16 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

What do men need to fight?

We need 318 trained men, the power of organized people.

- Men must be armed with...

Truth

Righteousness

The gospel

Faith

Salvation

The word of God

II

Men must be willing to do justice

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Men must be willing to return goods, services, and citizens to the city.

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What is our strategy?

Be trained in the house: Majoring in men

- Attend regularly to secure the sanctuary.
- Like Abram organize with other men.

- The power of organized men is our *strength*.

Numbers do matter in public issues: 318 men

- *We need everyone!*
- *Everyone can work!*
- *Your presence is necessary!*

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