



THEME OF THE MONTH

Resourcefulness

***Putting to Good Use What Others Disregard or Overlook
(Resourceful vs. Wasteful)***

1. Able to deal skillfully and promptly with new situations, difficulties, etc.
2. Able to act effectively or imaginatively, especially in difficult situations
3. Talented, able, imaginative
4. Cleverly skillful, resourceful or ingenious (adroit “*uh-droit*”)

Why is Resourcefulness Important?

“So King Joram promptly mustered the armies of Israel and marched from Samaria.”

2 Kings 3:6 NLT

“Gideon and 100 men..they blew the ram’s horns and broke their clay jars.”

Judges 7:19 NLT

“Hiram was extremely skillful and talented in any work in bronze...”

I Kings 7:14 NLT

“David..reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, hurled it with his sling.”

I Samuel 17:49 NLT

How Do We Practice Resourcefulness?

1. We inventory what we have available to utilize.
2. We use what we have, putting everything to its best use.
3. We take good care of the resources we have at our disposal.
4. We hone our skills so we can better use the resources we have available.
5. We use our resources to benefit others, not just ourselves.



MAT CHAT TALKING POINTS

1. Give an example of how resourcefulness can be helpful.
2. If you were to inventory your resources, which are your personal best?
3. How can resourcefulness help transmit an idea, belief or truth?
4. Is resourcefulness an individual or group activity? Explain.
5. Where can you turn for guidance when you are “stuck” in a situation?
6. How can we improve our ability to be resourceful?
7. “Live like no one else, so you can later live like no one else.” (Dave Ramsey)
How do we apply this to our lives?
8. What are we teaching others when we live a life of resourcefulness?

Talking Points:

Prepare to Win: Like a professional athlete practices to perform under pressure, resourceful people develop good habits in every area of their lives, so they can make wise, ethical decisions under pressure (even learning from failure & mistakes).

Don't Quit: Resourceful people keep trying, and stay busy looking for solutions (not focusing on the problem). They are willing to think outside the box, try new things, and allow innovation to create new solutions. Even accidents can sometimes be valuable.

Don't Be Wasteful: Resourceful people seek to get the maximum value from every resource at their disposal. Like a pattern seeks to utilize the best use of a fabric, resourceful people focus on cost-saving ideas and use resources to their full potential rather than being wasteful or neglectful.

Resources Matter: Resourceful people cultivate positive relationships, share knowledge with others, take good care of their bodies, manage their time effectively, live within their means, maintain their “stuff” in good working order, and avoid the wasteful use of time, energy and resources.