

CHASE THE LION

Perfect Your Craft

There was also Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant warrior from Kabzeel. He did many heroic deeds, which included killing two champions of Moab. Another time, on a snowy day, he chased a lion down into a pit and killed it. Deeds like these made Benaiah as famous as the Three mightiest warriors. He was more honored than the other members of the Thirty, though he was not one of the Three. And David made him captain of his bodyguard.

-2 Samuel 23:20, 22-23 (NLT)

HOW TO: PERFECT YOUR CRAFT TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS

1. BE A _____

Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge.

-Proverbs 18:15 (NLT)

2. START WITH A _____

All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.

-1 Corinthians 9:25-27 (NLT)

3. REALIZE _____ LEADS TO _____

Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild at the Sheep Gate... People from the town of Jericho worked next to them, and beyond them was Zaccur son of Imri. The Fish Gate was built by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid the beams, set up its doors, and installed its bolts and bars. Meremoth son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz repaired the next section of wall. Beside him were Meshullam son of Berekiah and grandson of Meshezabel, and then Zadok son of Baana.

-Nehemiah 3:1-4 (NLT)

So on October 2 the wall was finished - just fifty-two days after we had begun. When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.

-Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NLT)

4. WORK _____

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.

-Proverbs 13:4 (NLT)

Next in rank among the Three was Eleazar son of Dodai, a descendant of Ahoah. Once Eleazar and David stood together against the Philistines when the entire Israelite army had fled. He killed Philistines until his hand was too tired to lift his sword, and the Lord gave him a great

victory that day. The rest of the army did not return until it was time to collect the plunder!
-2 Samuel 23:9-10 (NLT)