

TRAITS OF A HUMBLE WINNER
2 Samuel 19:8-39

1. They avoid assumptions

Now all the people were in a dispute throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved us from the hand of our enemies, he delivered us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled from the land because of Absalom. 10 But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now therefore, why do you say nothing about bringing back the king?" (9-10)

2. They seek reconciliation

So he swayed the hearts of all the men of Judah, just as the heart of one man, so that they sent this word to the king: "Return, you and all your servants!" (14)

3. They resist revenge

And David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be adversaries to me today? Shall any man be put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel?" (22)

4. They extend mercy

Therefore the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king swore to him. (23)

5. They right wrongs

So the king said to him, "Why do you speak anymore of your matters? I have said, 'You and Ziba divide the land.'" (29)

6. They remember loyalty

Now Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. And he had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man. 33 And the king said

to Barzillai, "Come across with me, and I will provide for you while you are with me in Jerusalem." (32-33)