Jonathan (Choose you this Day) 1Sam 13

**1Sam\_13:19** Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:

* **Smith**: a fabricator of any material: - artificer, (+) carpenter, craftsman, engraver, maker, + mason, skilful, (+) smith, worker, workman, such as wrought. To scratch, that is, (by implication) to engrave, plough; hence (from the use of tools) to fabricate (of any material).
* Amplified bible calls them “metal workers”.
* ***Exo\_28:11*** *With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.*
* ***Exo\_35:35*** *Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.*
* ***Eph\_2:10*** *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*
* ***2Tim\_2:15*** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
* **Swords**: drought; also a cutting instrument (from its destructive effect), as a knife, sword, or other sharp implement: - axe, dagger, knife, mattock, sword, tool.
* **Spears**: a lance (for thrusting, like pitching a tent): - javelin, spear.
* ***Eph\_6:17*** *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
* ***Heb\_4:12*** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Because of the deceptive trend towards academics (teachings) rather than a pure revelation of the Word, many today are devoid of the “the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God”.

We cannot go down to the academics of the Philistines (demon and human philosophies of the world) to sharpen our ministry.

The world and the flesh’s methods will and have only produced a blunt dull edge of no anointing.

* **2Kin\_6:5** But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

The escape oriented teachings, knowledge induced saints, and apathetic people have resulted in a church that is not prepared for the day of battle. (Eze\_13:1-5)

1Sam\_13:21 – the file is a witness that God has left His people in the day of famine. (Amo\_8:11-13)

**2Cor\_3:1-3** Are we starting to commend ourselves again? Or we do not, like some [false teachers], need written credentials or letters of recommendation to you or from you, [do we]? [No] you yourselves are our letter of recommendation (our credentials), written in [a]your hearts, to be known (perceived, recognized) and read by everybody. You show and make obvious that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, not written with ink but with [the] Spirit of [the] living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

**2Cor\_ 4:2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**Ecc\_10:10** If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

 (Brenton) If the axe-head should fall off, then the man troubles his countenance, and he must put forth more strength: and in that case skill is of no advantage to a man.

(CEV) If you don't sharpen your ax, it will be harder to use; if you are smart, you'll know what to do.

 (DRB) If the iron be blunt, and be not as before, but be made blunt, with much labor it shall be sharpened: and after industry shall follow wisdom.

 (ERV) But wisdom will make any job easier. It is very hard to cut with a dull knife. But if you sharpen the knife, the job is easier.

 (ESV) If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.

(GNB) If your ax is dull and you don't sharpen it, you have to work harder to use it. It is smarter to plan ahead.

 (GW) If an ax is blunt and the edge isn't sharpened, then one has to use more strength. But wisdom prepares the way for success.

 (ISV) If someone's ax is blunt—the edge isn't sharpened—then more strength will be needed. Putting wisdom to work will bring success.

 (LEB) If the ax is blunt but one does not sharpen its edge, he must exert more effort, but the advantage of wisdom is it brings success.

 (MSG) Remember: The duller the ax the harder the work; Use your head: The more brains, the less muscle.

(YLT) If the iron hath been blunt, And he the face hath not sharpened, Then doth he increase strength, And wisdom is advantageous to make right.