

“Nuclear Weapons in the World”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Someone could ask me: “Dave, Why did you compose an article titled ‘Nuclear Weapons in the World’ as a part of Edifying the Body?” Some could explain their point of view in this manner: “Edifying the Body should be positive articles, not serious and depressing information.”

Oh, I understand the value of dwelling upon positive information.

■ Philippians 4:8—“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

But I also understand the steps leading up to dwelling upon positive. I am a firm believer in “recognizing negative first and then dwelling on the positive.”

Wrong order

There is an example in the Old Testament where the people got the order backwards—they recognized the positive and then dwelt on the negative.

■ Numbers 13:1-16—The Lord instructed Moses to choose qualified men to spy out the land of Canaan.

In verses 17-20, Moses instructed them to see what the land was like.

- Were the people strong or weak?
- Were the people few or many?
- Was the land good or bad?
- Were the cities like playgrounds or heavily fortified strongholds?
- Was the land rich or poor?
- Did the land have forests or open fields?
- Numbers 13:26—The spies “brought back word to them” and showed them the wonderful fruit of the land.
- Numbers 13:27—The spies told many wonderful observations.

- Numbers 13:28-29—Then the spies told of some serious challenges.
- Numbers 13:30—Caleb saw the mistake and sought to encourage the people to follow God's promises.
- Numbers 13:31-33—But the negativity could not be thwarted.
- Numbers 14:6-9—Joshua and Caleb tried to help the people to avoid fear of the negative and to believe the Lord.

Serious danger

What does that historical account have to do with current nuclear weapons?

Recognize the negative, and then dwell on the positive.

- Matthew 24:22—"And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, those days will be shortened."

Let's recognize some serious danger.

According to icanw.org, here is the listing of nine nations that have warheads.

1. Russia—5,449
2. United States—5,277
3. China—600
4. France—290
5. United Kingdom—225
6. Pakistan—180
7. India—170
8. Israel—90
9. North Korea—50

According to icanw.org, here are six nations hosting nuclear weapons.

1. Turkiye—hosting 35 of U.S. weapons
2. Italy—hosting 20 of U.S. weapons
3. Belgium—hosting 15 of U.S. weapons
4. Germany—hosting 15 of U.S. weapons
5. Netherlands—hosting 15 of U.S. weapons
6. Belarus—hosting an unknown number of Russian weapons

Wise reactions

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-10
- 1 Timothy 2:1-6
- Revelation 14:12-13

Recognize the danger of nuclear weapons in our world. And then enjoy your Bible study as you focus upon God's truth, His promises and His immense love.