

The Kind of a Man God is Looking for

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I. Introduction.

II. Saul lost influence by taking matters in his own hands instead of waiting for God. (Acts 13, I Samuel 15:3)

A. Saul refused to wait for Samuel to offer a sacrifice.

B. Saul forced himself instead of denying himself.

C. Except for forty minutes, Jesus would be sitting on the throne of Saul and not of David.

III. What God saw in David. (Acts 13:22, I Samuel 16:7)

A. Humility.

1. David served his father's sheep even though he served under Saul.

2. There is no salvation or victory apart from humility. (I Peter 5:5-7, Luke 15)

B. Faithfulness.

1. David did not pass on his responsibilities to others when he was given greater responsibilities. (Proverbs 27:23)

2. God will entrust more to those who are faithful in the least. (Luke 16)

C. Secret life.

1. David's courage was rooted in a secret life.

2. Our consciences should be clear before God and man. (Acts 24:16, Psalm 24:3-4)

D. Faith. David's confidence was in the Lord.

E. Prudence.

1. The body of Christ needs one like you.

2. David did not use God's armor because it did not fit him and Saul would have gotten the glory instead of David. (I Samuel 18:5)

3. We need to accept ourselves and not try to be like anybody else.

Application questions:

1. What surprised you about David's character the most?

2. Why is humility a requirement for true character?

3. Which area of David's character will you work on growing in? How can you do this in a practical way?
