

The Character of David

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I. Introduction.

- A. In the Bible, there are commands to obey, promises to claim and errors to avoid.
- B. We can learn some lessons from the life of David.
- C. David was a man after God's own heart. (Acts 13:22)
- D. Text: I Samuel 17.

II. Humility.

- A. David served his father's sheep even though he served under Saul.
- B. He had no resentment in the face of accusation.
- C. David considered himself a servant of Saul even though he knew Saul had been rejected.

III. Faithfulness.

- A. David was faithful in his tasks.
- B. He did not pass on his responsibilities to others when he was given greater responsibilities.
- C. We must be faithful in the details, not overlooking little responsibilities.
- D. David's obedience in the details opened up the door for greater responsibilities.

IV. Courage.

- A. David's courage was rooted in a secret life.
- B. David was not intimidated by carnal leadership.
- C. David was not intimidated by bears and lions. (I Peter 5:8-9, I John 4:4)
- D. David was not intimidated by personal limitations.
- E. David was not intimidated by giants.

V. Prudence.

A. Prudence is good judgment.

B. David had the chance to kill Saul, but he did not. (I Samuel 24:17, Romans 12:14-17, 19-21)

C. David hearkened to the counsel of a godly woman and avoided the action he would have later regretted. (I Samuel 25:32-35)

D. God hindered David's plan to preserve his family, to provide him with an adequate financial base and to prevent him from being identified with the death of Saul. David accepted God's sovereignty in his life.

VI. Faith. (Psalm 27:4, 8, 13-14)

Application questions:

1. What surprised you about David's expression of commitment the most?

2. Why is humility a requirement for true commitment?

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