

Man of God's Character

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I. Introduction.

A. God was looking for a man and found David. (Ezekiel 22:3, Acts 13:22)

B. David had qualities that for which God was looking.

C. Text: I Samuel 17.

II. God commanded that all the Amalekites would be destroyed, but King Saul spared some. An Amalekite ended up killing him.

A. If we have partial obedience only, the thing stopping us will put us to death.

B. God rejected Saul from reigning over Israel. (I Samuel 16:1)

C. God looks at the heart, not the outward appearance.

III. What God saw in David's life.

A. Humility.

1. David put others ahead of himself.

2. God let David lead a nation because of how he led a flock of sheep. (Psalm 78:72)

B. Faithfulness. (Luke 16:12, Proverbs 27:23)

1. We must be diligent to keep our own flocks.

2. David's life was so ordered that he could handle additional responsibility, God trusted him with greater responsibility and the responsibility he had become a door to greater opportunity.

C. A secret life.

1. God chose the person who was as courageous in private as he was in public.

2. You are what you are when you are all alone. (Acts 24:16, Psalm 24:3-4)

D. Faith.

1. There will be times when God asks us to step out in faith. At some point, we will face a test.

2. We encounter the enemy by faith. (Jeremiah 33:3)

E. Prudence.

1. We must accept ourselves in order to accept others.

2. We should major in the things that we do best.

3. God gets the most glory when we leave our own armor and take the “slingshot.”

Application questions:

1. Which characteristic of David’s life do you think was the most important? Why?

2. Which characteristic is most absent from your own life?

3. What is a practical and measurable way you can work on becoming more like David in the aforementioned area? Explain.
