

David: A Man after God's Heart

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I. Introduction.

A. Key verse: Acts 13:32.

B. The reason that David was a man's after God's own heart was because he fulfilled all the will of God.

II. One of the greatest hindrances to the cause of Christ is the loss of older workers.

A. Saul was originally chosen as the king but because of his failure, his kingship was transferred to David through Samuel the prophet.

III. David was chosen because of his relationship with God.

A. David was an unlikely king because of his outward appearance. (1 Samuel 16:6)

B. God chose David because God could see that his heart was right before Him. (1 Samuel 16:11)

C. The things that we do and partake in such as music affect the heart. (2 Corinthians)

D. David trusted in the Lord to do battle against Goliath because of former victories. (1 Samuel 17:39)

1. David chose five stones because there were four other giants out there. (2 Samuel 21:22)

2. Sometimes we feel that our job is to witness to everybody, but sometimes God wants to use us as a testimony.

E. David received testimony from being Jessie's son.

F. Saul began to be afraid of David because of his popularity. (1 Samuel 18:6-9)

1. Many find it difficult to deny themselves. (Luke 9:23)

2. David's fame came from leadership.

3. David saw the potential in people. (1 Samuel 24:24)

4. We have to be careful criticizing God's appointed man. (Isaiah 54:17)

IV. David's leadership was personal. (2 Samuel 11)

A. To be a leader you have to lead troops and be on the battlefield.

B. Certain ministries happen by getting out and leading the troops.

V. David's sin had consequences.

A. Having time on your hands and money is a sure formative for sin - this is why David failed.

B. Because David had killed Uriah to cover up his adultery with Bathsheba, he suffered the effects of sin. (2 Samuel 12:10)

1. We can get forgiveness from the penalty of sin.

2. We may not get forgiveness from the effects of sin.

C. David confessed his sin, accepted God's forgiveness and served God the rest of his days. (Psalm 51)

1. David could handle all difficulties because he knew that God had forgiven him.

2. We can find peace quickly in the forgiveness of sins.

3. We must forgive others as God has forgiven us.

Application questions

1. What does David teach us about the importance of being right before God?

2. What kind of leadership does God call us too?

3. What would you tell a Christian who says that it does not matter whether they sin or not, since God will forgive him?
