

Faith in Jeopardy

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I. Introduction.

- A. God said David was a man after His own heart. (Acts 13:22)
- B. There was a basis for this statement that we must reflect upon for our own lives.
- C. Text: Acts 13:22.
- D. David had five characteristics that made him a man after God's own heart.

II. Humility. He returned home to feed his father's sheep in obscurity.

III. Faithfulness. We must be careful not to overlook the "bag lunch" opportunities of life. (Luke 16:10)

IV. A secret life.

- A. This means quiet time, devotions and prayer.
- B. Sin surfaces.
- C. When God is looking for a public man, He is looking for one He can trust in private.
- D. Rely on the Lord for your reputation. (Psalm 37:6, Exodus 14:14)

V. Prudence (good judgment).

- A. David was sensitive to using another's armor.
- B. David recognized that he was supposed to go into combat with whom he was.
- C. David did his homework—he prepared for Goliath's four sons by grabbing five stones. (II Samuel 21:22, Isaiah 64:4)

VI. Faith.

- A. David trusted in the promises of God. (Genesis 12)
- B. Faith is only as valid as its subject.

VII. Conclusion.

- A. Deal with sin. (I John 1:9)
- B. Sin must be dealt with early. (Joshua 7:1)
- C. Pray that your faith will not fail. (Luke 22:32)

Application questions:

1. What areas of character would you most like to be more like David? Explain.

2. Why is it important to be yourself and not try to pretend like you are someone else?

3. When have you seen sin develop into something worse when it has not been dealt with properly? Explain the connection.
