Lesson Four – David, A Man After God’s Heart

*“…I have found David… a man after My own heart, which shall fulfill all My will.” Acts 13:22*

What an honor for the God of heaven to say in the Holy Scriptures, “David was a man after my own heart.” Although David was not the only man with a good heart, he was one of the most tender-hearted, contrite, God-Loving men in the Bible. A look at David’s heart will reveal what God is looking for in Christian heart’s today.

1. **What Made David a man after Gods own heart?**
2. David had a strong faith and trust in God.

* As a young lad, he had great courage and faith in the Lord against Goliath. I Sam 17
* “But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." Psalm 31:14
* “In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?” Psalm 56:4
* David’s utter reliance on God: 1 Samuel 17:45-47, Psalm 33:16-18, Psalm 118:6

**Question: David’s faith did not rest solely on his victory over Goliath. What other events in his life moved him towards a greater faith in God? 1 Samuel 17:33-37**

**Question: What impact did David’s courageous defeat of Goliath have on the armies of Israel? 1 Samuel 17:52-54, 2 Samuel 21:15-22**

1. David’s heart was filled with admiration and love for God and His law.

* “Oh, love the Lord all you His saints!” Psalm 31:23
* David desired that God teach him so he could walk in His truth. Psalm 86:11
* Psalm 19— The beauty of what God’s Word accomplishes in us. Psalm 19

Even though Psalm 119 is not attributed to David, it is obvious that the writer was overwhelmed with love for the Lord’s commandments. David was too!

**Question: What was it about the lives of Saul and David that showed how one would fail and the other would succeed?**

God is not looking for magnificent specimens of humanity. He’s looking for deeply spiritual, genuinely humble, honest-to-the-core servants who have integrity.

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1. David had a prayerful heart.

* David was confident God would hear his prayers and strengthen him. Psalm 138:3
* David’s prayer routines suggest he was in God’s presence often. Psalm 5:1-3, 55:17
* David’s prayers show he was concerned for others. Psalm 35:12-14
* David often sought the Lord’s guidance before acting.

**Question: On what occasion did David fail to inquire of the Lord and what was the impact on David and Israel?**

1. David had a penitent, broken and contrite heart.

* A worthy response for all men— “I have sinned against God.” 2 Sam 12:13, 24:10
* He acknowledged his sin openly to God and was forgiven. Psalm 32:5, 51:3
* David’s plea, “Wash me thoroughly…and cleanse me from my sin.” Psalm 51:1-4

**Question: Samuel the prophet was the one who confronted Saul and David regarding their sins. Describe how each responded when confronted? Carry the question one step further and evaluate how I should respond to God when I have sinned.**

**Question: What impact did David’s sin with Bathsheba and his murder of Uriah have on David’s family? 2 Samuel 12:1-15**

1. David longed to worship and praise God.

* “…I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy...” Psalm 5:7
* “I was glad when they said…let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1
* “I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and glory…” Psalm 63:1-2
* “Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.” Psalm 29:1-2
* David’s love and praise for God at the end of his life. 1 Chronicles 29:10-30