
Growing a “David Heart”

... becoming a life-long pursuer of God (part 1)

A dominant theme in our journey of “pursuing God” has been: **character is destiny!** Remember: David was not all good, and Saul was not all bad—the essential difference lay in what dominated each man’s heart.

A final look at some decisive moments in David’s life which reveal much about growing a “David heart”...

1. Mercy for his enemies

(2 Samuel 1:17-27, p. 214) *“How the mighty have fallen”...*

* Saul’s sons(1 Sam. 14:49, p. 200):

- Jonathan - lover of God (his son: Mephibosheth)
- Abinadab
- Malki-Shua - lover of Baal
- Ish Bosheth (2 Sam. 2:8-10; 4:1-12, p.215)

2. Devoted worshipper

(2 Samuel 6, p.218) *“I will celebrate before the Lord with all my might”...*

* Saul’s daughters:

- Merab (the first daughter of Saul offered to David as wife, 1 Samuel 18:17ff, p.204)
- **“Michal”** background (1 Samuel 18:17-29, 2 Samuel 3:13-16, 6:16-23, p.216)

3. Unselfishly Kingdom - minded

(2 Samuel 7, p.219; 1 Chronicles 22 & 28) *“Here I am living in a palace of cedar, while the Ark of God remains in a tent”.* Although God did not allow him to actually build it, David was the primary provider for the future Temple.
(1 Chronicles. 29, p.306)

4. Humble and eternal perspective

(2 Samuel 7:18, p.219) *“Who am I Sovereign Lord?”*

5. Passionate Pray - er

(2 Samuel 8, p.220 and 1 Chronicles 14:10,14, p.296) *“The Lord gave David victory”,* because..... *“David inquired of the Lord”...*

6. Compassion toward the innocent

(2 Samuel 9:1, p.220) *“Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”* (David was a keeper of his vows).

* **“Mephibosheth”** background (9:1ff, 16:1-4, 19:24-30)

7. Financially generous toward God’s work

(2 Samuel 24:21-24, p.235) *“I insist on paying for it - I will not sacrifice offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing”...*

1 Chronicles 29, p.307 (esp. v. 2-3, 14-16) - extreme generosity toward the things nearest the Father’s heart (future Temple).