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## Growing a “David Heart”

... becoming a life-long pursuer of God (part 2)

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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).

## 8. Moral Purity

(I Kings 1:1-4, p.235) Abishag - David has "no intimate relations with her".

## 9. Mentored the next generation

Solomon his heir... (I King 1:28-2:4,10-12, p.236 and I Chronicles 22:6-23:1; 28, p.301).

\* "Life" = Test, Trust, Temporary Assignment...

## 10. Repentant of Sin

(Psalm 51, p.405) In the intense crucible of failure, shame, sin, brokenness = best measure of a man. See also 2 Samuel 24:10-17, p.235 (David's repentance after counting the fighting men).

v.1-2 ~ Right understanding of **God**

v. 2-5 ~ Right understanding of **sin**

v. 6-12 ~ Right understanding of **pure inner life**

v. 13-15 ~ Right understanding of the **lost**

v. 16-19 ~ Right understanding of **God's heart**

## 6 Habits for Growing a "David Heart"

Put your life in the way of blessing - be intentional and disciplined (the pain of discipline is less than the pain of regret). We must obey the principles of God to receive the promises of God. These 6 "habits" align with Christian Center's Biblical values.....

1. A weekly weekend **service** (Full Devotion to Jesus Christ)

: We each need "big" church and "little" church every week!

2. Participate in a **small group** (Loving Relationships)

: We are better together...to go fast = go alone, to go far = go together!

3. Daily time with God in **Bible reading** and **Prayer** (Biblically Centered)

: Believing and behaving, hearing and heeding

4. Use your gifts/passion in **ministry** to serve God and people (Every-Person Ministry)

5. **Share your faith** in Christ with those who are far from Him (Lost People Matter)

6. **Tithe** in faith & obedience as worship to the Lord (Life Stewardship)