

DAVID: A MAN AFTER
GOD'S OWN HEART
I Samuel 13:14

Tonight let's explore the elements of David's godliness.

I. THE CONDITION: What about this statement?

A. A MATTER OF CHARACTER

1. The terminology is given in a context relating to us Saul's lack of character and godliness.
2. "One after God's own heart" probably implies several things
 - a. One who is sensitive to God
 - b. One who is submissive to God - See Acts 13:22
 - c. One who is the servant of God

B. A MATTER OF CONSISTENCY

1. The idea: You could argue that when God was considering David he was a man after God's heart but might have later changed.
2. Some were inconsistent
 - a. Consider Saul: See I Sam. 9:15-17 then 28:6-7
 - b. Note Solomon in I Kings 3:3-9 then I Kings 11:4-8
3. Some remain consistent
 - a. David started well - I Sam. 18:14
 - b. And ended well - I Kings 2:1-4

C. SUMMARY: David seems to have been a man of character and consistency which qualifies him for the description, "A man after God's own heart."

II. THE QUESTIONS: What about David's sins?

A. DISHONESTY - I Sam. 21:1-3

B. IMPULSIVENESS - I Sam. 25:13, 32-34

C. DEPRESSION - I Sam. 27:1-3

D. LUST - II Sam. 11

E. PASSIVE PARENTING

1. With Amnon - II Sam. 13:21
2. With Absalom - II Sam. 14:23-24, 15:13-16, 18:5 and 18:33-19:7
3. With Adonijah - I Kings 1:5-6

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F. PRIDE - II Sam. 24:1-4

G. SUMMARY: David did many sinful things.

III. **THE CHARACTER**: What about David's spirituality?

A. A MAN OF FAITH - I Sam. 17:37 and 45-47

B. A MAN OF PRAYER

1. Asking God if he should attack the Philistines - I Sam. 23:1-5
2. Seeking God's will about pursuing the Amalekites - I Sam. 30:7-10
3. Inquiring of God about the Philistines attack - II Sam. 5:18-20
4. Pleading with God about Israel's famine - II Sam. 21:1

C. A MAN OF RESPECT

1. Sparing Saul's life twice - I Sam. 24:4-7 and 26:6-12
2. Writing an honorable eulogy at Saul's death - II Sam. 1:17-27

D. A MAN OF WORSHIP

1. Worshipful recognition of God - II Sam. 5:21
2. Worshipful submission to God - II Sam. 7:18-25
3. Worshipful praise to God - II Sam. 22:31-37

E. A MAN OF INTEGRITY

1. Keeping his commitment to Jonathan - II Sam. 9:1-8
2. Showing mercy to his enemy - II Sam. 19:16-23 > Shimei
3. Being generous with his helpers - II Sam. 19:31-39 > Barzillai

F. A MAN OF REPENTANCE

1. After sinning with Bathsheba - II Sam. 12:13 and Psalm 51
2. Confessing his sinful census-taking - II Sam. 24:17

G. SUMMARY: Though he sometimes gave in to sinful passions, David generally demonstrates godly character. As such, he is qualified to be called "a man after God's own heart."

CONCLUSION:

- Man looks on the outward appearance but God looks on the heart - I Sam. 16:7
- Though David stumbled many times, he stayed committed to God and His ways
 - It's really all about finishing well ...