

HEART EXAM

I Samuel 16:1-13

**I wonder what the Great Physician sees
when He looks at our hearts?**

**We can learn from David's selection
some of the things God looks for as
he examines a persons heart.**

I. A NOTEWORTHY CONTRAST (1-11)

A. DAVID'S SELECTION (1)

- Chosen by God not man

1. Man's Criteria: I Sam. 8:5, 19-20
2. God's Criteria: I Sam. 13:14 and I Kings 14:8

B. DAVID'S POSITION (6-11)

1. Not the oldest (6-7)
 - a. Samuel was impressed with Eliab (6)
 - b. God is not impressed with externals (7)
2. Not the obvious (11)
 - a. The obvious would be outwardly qualified
 - b. He is overlooked by his own father
 - c. Not prepared for kingship
3. Amazingly ordinary (12a)

II. A COMMENDABLE CHARACTER (11-12a)

A. DAVID'S OCCUPATION (11)

1. Tending the sheep
2. Focusing on God

B. DAVID'S OBEDIENCE (12a)

1. When David was sent for he came
2. He had a good attitude that was reflected in his countenance

III. **A GODLY CONSECRATION** (12b-13)

A. DAVID IS CONFIRMED BY GOD (12b)

B. DAVID IS COMMITTED TO GOD (13a)

C. DAVID IS CONTROLLED BY GOD (13b)
- He is uniquely equipped to do God's work

What does God see when He examines our hearts?

1. Does He note our contrast to the world?
2. Does He find our character commendable?
3. Will He find us completely consecrated to Him?

