

“DEVELOPING A HEART FOR GOD”

What Matters Most to God?

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1 Samuel 16:1-13

OBSTACLES DAVID FACED:

- PARENTAL MISTREATMENT

“Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.”
Psalm 27:10 (NIV)

- PAINFUL LABELING

“There’s still the youngest Jesse replied...” 1 Samuel 16:11a (NIV)

“youngest”: Hebrew *haqqaton*, implying **LOWEST IN RANK, RUNT OF THE LITTER**

- PEER OPPOSITION

“When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.” 1 Samuel 16:11b (NIV)

- PLACE OF ORIGIN - BETHLEHEM

“The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

WHAT MADE DAVID’S HEART SO APPEALING TO GOD?

1. DAVID’S HEART WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A SENSE OF WILD ABANDON

“I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.” Psalm 9:1

"Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead." Psalm 86:11-13

2. DAVID'S HEART WAS CHARACTERIZED BY DEEP REFELCTION

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23,24

"Solitude molds self-righteous people into gentle, forgiving people who are so deeply convinced of their own great sinfulness, and so fully aware of God's even greater mercy, that their life itself becomes a ministry." Henry Nowan

3. DAVID'S HEART WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A STUBBORN LOVE

"And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them." Psalm 78:72

WHO DOES GOD USE?

WILLING HEART

"The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart..." 1 Samuel 13:14 (See 1 Samuel 15:22)

Grant me a willing heart." Psalm 51:12

HUMBLE HEART

"David said. 'I'm only a poor man and little known.'" 1 Samuel 18:23

OBEDIENT HEART

"Now Jesse said to his son David, 'Take ... these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them.'" 1 Samuel 17:17-18, 20

TIME WITH GOD

The Bible was written to us, the Psalms were written for us. They are the prayers and songs of the Bible. As you read through the Psalms, make these prayers your prayers. Paraphrase verses to become your prayers to the Lord. Write out your own Psalms to the Lord. How powerful it is to pray back God's Word to Him.

Blessings on your daily time with the Lord.

MONDAY – READ Psalm 1-3

TUESDAY – READ Psalm 4-6

WEDNESDAY – READ- Psalm 7-9

THURSDAY – READ – Psalm 10-12

FRIDAY – READ – Psalm 13-15

SATURDAY – READ Psalm 16-18

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