

After God's Own Heart

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Introduction

In Acts 13:22, God testified concerning King David saying: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'



Wow, what a great compliment coming from
God.



Have you ever wondered what made David
a man after God's own heart in spite of his
shortcomings?



What are the qualities in King David that made him endearing to God?



Today, we will examine the life of King David
and see how we can emulate his
endearing qualities.



Many people often think of how different
Christians in the third millennium are
compared to Christians in ancient times.



Some think that it was easier to be a good
Christian during the Old Testament times
than it is today.



True Christianity, irrespective of time, is a constant struggle for obedience and righteousness.



The Scripture tells us that to be righteous,
we must constantly grow in the grace and
knowledge of God.



Thus, it is imperative that we must grow more into the ways of God, than of ourselves- more Godly than manly; to keep striving towards the truth, growing into the likeness of God and being holy as God is holy.



Now, we will try to draw some inspiration
from the heroes of the Old Testament.



Today we will talk about King David.



We will find out why David was acknowledged as “the man after God’s own heart”, and what made him worthy of this special accolade.



David and Saul



David's qualities shine when contrasted against those of King Saul. It is easy to see why God rejected Saul and why He loved David.



When we examine the lives of King David and King Saul we will surprisingly find more similarities than differences.



Let us examine the similarities before going to the differences because it is the difference in character that made King David a man after God's own heart.



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Tribe

King Saul	King David
Benjamin	Judah
<p><u>1 Samuel 9:21</u> 21 Saul answered, “But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin?”</p>	<p><u>1 Chronicles 28:4</u> 4 “Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the tribe of Judah he chose my family, and from my father’s sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel.</p>



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Physique

King Saul	King David
Impressive	Handsome
<p><u>1 Samuel 9:2</u> 2 Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.</p>	<p><u>1 Samuel 16:12</u> 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”</p>



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Called

King Saul	King David
Chosen by God	Chosen by God
<p><u>1 Samuel 9:16</u> ¹⁶ “About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over my people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me.”</p>	<p><u>1 Samuel 16:1</u> ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”</p>



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Anointed by

King Saul	King David
Samuel	Samuel
<p><u>I Samuel 10:1</u> Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you ruler over his inheritance?"</p>	<p><u>I Samuel 16:12</u> ¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."</p>



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Empowered By

King Saul	King David
Holy Spirit	Holy Spirit
<p><u>1 Samuel 10:6</u> 6 The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.</p>	<p><u>1 Samuel 16:13</u> 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David..”</p>



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Test of Faith

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Conquest	Kills Goliath
I Samuel 11:1-14	I Samuel 17:48-51



1 Samuel 11:1-14

- 1 Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to him, “Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you.”
- 2 But Nahash the Ammonite replied, “I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel.”



1 Samuel 11:1-14

- 3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days so we can send messengers throughout Israel; if no one comes to rescue us, we will surrender to you.”
- 4 When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and reported these terms to the people, they all wept aloud.



1 Samuel 11:1-14

5 Just then Saul was returning from the fields, behind his oxen, and he asked, “What is wrong with everyone? Why are they weeping?” Then they repeated to him what the men of Jabesh had said.

6 When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger.



1 Samuel 11:1-14

- 7 He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, “This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel.” Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out together as one.
- 8 When Saul mustered them at Bezek, the men of Israel numbered three hundred thousand and those of Judah thirty thousand.



1 Samuel 11:1-14

9 They told the messengers who had come, “Say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, ‘By the time the sun is hot tomorrow, you will be rescued.’” When the messengers went and reported this to the men of Jabesh, they were elated.

10 They said to the Ammonites, “Tomorrow we will surrender to you, and you can do to us whatever you like.”



1 Samuel 11:1-14

11 The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.



1 Samuel 11:1-14

12 The people then said to Samuel,
“Who was it that asked, ‘Shall Saul reign
over us?’ Turn these men over to us so
that we may put them to death.”



1 Samuel 11:1-14

13 But Saul said, “No one will be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel.”

14 Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.”



Test of Faith

King Saul	King David
Conquest	Kills Goliath
I Samuel 11:1-14	I Samuel 17:26-51



I Samuel 17:26

26 David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace(AB) from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised(AC) Philistine that he should defy(AD) the armies of the living(AE) God?”



I Samuel 17:33-35

33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.



I Samuel 17:36-37

36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”
Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”



I Samuel 17:48-51

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.



I Samuel 17:48-51

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.



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Position

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Kingship	Kingship
<p><u>I Samuel 10:24-25</u> Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people.” Then the people shouted, “Long live the king!”</p>	<p><u>I Samuel 16:1</u> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”</p>



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Character

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Imperfect	Imperfect
I Samuel 15:3-24	II Samuel 11



I Samuel 15:3-24

3 Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. **Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.”**



I Samuel 15:3-24

7 Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt.

8 He took **Agag king of the Amalekites alive**, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword.



I Samuel 15:3-24

9 But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were **unwilling to destroy** completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.



I Samuel 15:3-24

10 Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel:

11 “**I regret** that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.” Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.



I Samuel 15:3-24

12 Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, “Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a **monument in his own honor** and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal.”



I Samuel 15:3-24

13 When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! **I have carried out the LORD’s instructions.**”

14 But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?”



I Samuel 15:3-24

15 Saul answered, “The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle **to sacrifice to the LORD your God**, but we **totally destroyed the rest.**”



I Samuel 15:3-24

16 “Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

“Tell me,” Saul replied.



1 Samuel 15:3-24

17 Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.



I Samuel 15:3-24

18 And he sent you on a mission, saying,
'Go and completely destroy those wicked
people, the Amalekites; wage war against
them until you have wiped them out.'

19 Why did you **not obey the LORD**? Why did
you pounce on the plunder and do evil in
the eyes of the LORD?"



I Samuel 15:3-24

20 “But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king.



1 Samuel 15:3-24

21 The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”



1 Samuel 15:3-24

22 But Samuel replied:

“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings
and sacrifices

as much as in obeying the LORD?

To obey is better than sacrifice,

and to heed is better than the fat of
rams.



1 Samuel 15:3-24

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination,
and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of
the LORD,
he has rejected you as king.”



I Samuel 15:3-24

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.



Many people are like Saul, they have many reasons not to obey God's commandments. They are able to rationalize it in their minds and say it is okay with God. In the end they do not get themselves to repentance but continue in sin; like Saul.



2 Samuel 11



2 Samuel 11

1 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.



2 Samuel 11

2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,

3 and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”



Adultery

- 4 Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home.
- 5 The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."



Cover up plan

6 So David sent this word to Joab: “**Send me Uriah the Hittite.**” And Joab sent him to David.

7 When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.



Plan A

8 Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him.

9 But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house.



10 David was told, “Uriah did not go home.” So he asked Uriah, “Haven’t you just come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?”

11 Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!”



Plan B

12 Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

13 At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and **David made him drunk**. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; **he did not go home**.



Plan C

14 In the morning David wrote a **letter to Joab** and **sent it with Uriah**.

15 In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. **Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.**”



Murder

16 So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were.

17 When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.



Cover up story

18 Joab sent David a full account of the battle.

19 He instructed the messenger: “When you have finished giving the king this account of the battle,

20 the king’s anger may flare up, and he may ask you, ‘Why did you get so close to the city to fight? Didn’t you know they would shoot arrows from the wall?’



Plan C - Accomplished

21 Who killed Abimelek son of Jerub-Besheth? Didn't a woman drop an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you get so close to the wall?' If he asks you this, then say to him, **'Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.'**”



Actually if one considers the sins of David compared to that of Saul, it could be said that King Saul committed lesser offenses.



Saul did not commit adultery or murder as David did. Yet, God loved David and rejected Saul.



Why?



God said of King Saul in I Samuel 15:35,
“And Jehovah repented that He had made
Saul king over Israel,”



but regarding David, Acts 13:22 says,
“He also witnessed and said, I have found
David the son of Jesse to be a man after
My own heart, who shall fulfill all My will.”



The difference between King David and King Saul was not in the environment or upbringing, rather it was in the character.



It is now important that we look at the similarities between David and us today.



Similarities with David



Particulars	King David	Scripture	Christians/Us	Scripture
Tribe	Judah	I Chronicle 28:4	Gentiles	Galatians 3:28
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Called by	Chosen by God	I Samuel 16:3	Chosen by God	John 6:44; 14:14-17
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King David	Christians
Judah	Gentiles
<p><u>1 Chronicles 28:4</u> 4 “Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the tribe of Judah he chose my family, and from my father’s sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel.</p>	<p><u>Galatians 3:28</u> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.</p>



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King David	Christians
Handsome	Weak
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Called by

King David	Christians
Chosen by God	Chosen by God
<p><u>1 Samuel 16:3</u> “Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”</p>	<p><u>John 6:44</u> <u>John 14:14-17</u></p>



John 6:44

44 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.



John 14:14-17

15 “If you love me, keep my commands.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.



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Samuel	Minister
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Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



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Empowered by

King David	Christians
Holy Spirit	Holy Spirit
<p><u>I Samuel 15:13</u> 13 When Samuel reached him, Saul said, “The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD’s instructions.”</p>	<p><u>Acts 2:38-39</u> 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”</p>



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Test of Faith

King David	Christians
Kills Goliath	Overcoming
<u>I Samuel 17:48-51</u>	<u>I Peter 4:12-13</u> ¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.



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Status

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Kingship	Kingship
<p><u>I Samuel 16:1</u> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”</p>	<p><u>Revelation 1:6</u> ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.</p> <p><u>Revelation 5:10</u> ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”</p>



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King

King David	Christians
30 years old	Return of Christ
<u>II Samuel 5:1-3</u>	<u>Revelation 20:4-5</u>



Revelation 20:4-5

- 4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.



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Reign

King David	Christians
40 years	Millennium
<p><u>II Samuel 5:4</u> David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.</p>	<p><u>Revelation 20:6</u> ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.</p>



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Now, consider ourselves along King David.
Let us see how we fair.



Our Calling

God calls us true Christian just as He called
David and Saul.



Today, we are called out of 7.5 billion people in the world. The probabilities are more incredulous than that of David.



Our Anointing

Today God's minister anoints us during our baptism through the laying on of hands. The prophets of old and the ministers of today are only messengers of God.



The one who actually does the anointing is
no other than Jesus Christ.



The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Both David and Saul had the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as a gift of God.



David harnessed the power of the Holy Spirit, while Saul grieved the Holy Spirit and eventually lost it.



We too are filled with God's Holy Spirit upon
our baptism.



The Holy Spirit is God's deposit and His earnest goodwill which encourages us, comforts us, teaches us and guides us into all truth.



It stays with us until all is accomplished. It is the Holy Spirit that sanctifies us and made us God's peculiar people.



Like King David, we have the Holy Spirit
abiding in us and leading us into all truths.



Slaying of Goliath

From time to time, we are called to confront our weaknesses and test our faith.



All of us have our own Goliaths to slay. Be it a bad habit, a bad mouth, a bad attitude, a drinking problem, a smoking addiction or a bad temper.



Paul mentioned some of the Goliaths we need to slay in Galatians 5:19-21,

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery



Galatians 5:19-21

20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord
jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition,
dissensions, factions

21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the
like. I warn you, as I did before, that those
who live like this will not inherit the
kingdom of God.



These of course are the works of the flesh.

For every Christian who wants to move forward, one needs to face and defeat his worst enemy, which is usually his old sinful self.



Our Imperfect Life

All men have fallen short of the glory of God because of sin and temptation.



We need a repentant attitude and a contrite
and a broken spirit if we want to become a
man after God's own heart.



The Endearing Character of David



1. Faithfulness

David was a faithful man. He was faithful to:
The anointed King of Israel, King Saul and
his father-in-law.



He didn't take King Saul's life when he had the opportunity. In the process he both honored Saul and God who anointed him King.



1 Samuel 24:6

6 He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.”



He was a loyal servant of King Saul, both as a commander of the army [I Samuel 18:5] and was Saul's psalmist comforter [I Samuel 16:21-23].



1 Samuel 18:5

5 Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.



David was faithful to a friend, Jonathan. II
Samuel 1:26 speaking about his love for
Jonathan.



2 Samuel 1:26

26 I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.

Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.



David was faithful to God. David realized God was His guide and provider. Not only that he knew God was with Israel.



On his encounter with Goliath he said in I Samuel 17:37: “And David said, Jehovah who has delivered me out of the paw of the lion.”



He knew God had blessed him and his family. He knew he owed everything to God.



His kingship, his kingdom and his good fortune. David was faithful and he praised God for it, I Chronicles 16:27, “Glory and honor are in His presence, strength and gladness in His place.”



1 Chronicles 29:11-12

11 'Blessed are You, Jehovah, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. O Jehovah, Yours is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Jehovah, and You lift up Yourself to all as Head.

12 And the riches and the honor are from You, and You reign over all. And in Your hand is power and might. And it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.



That's the heart of David.



2. Obedience

Saul had the tendency to ignore God's direct instructions, but David never took God's instruction lightly.



David was obedient to God, followed and abided by God's instructions as commanded.



When prophet Nathan told David that it was his son Solomon who would build God's temple, he jubilantly obeyed God by preparing all the construction materials for the temple he son was to build. He willingly give way to his son despite his desire to do it himself.



3. Humility

David was a very humble person. In spite of being chosen by God and anointed by Samuel as the King of Israel, he never assumed any lofty attitude and was unaffected by the power and position that God bestowed upon him.



He was always the same old humble shepherd who looked after his father's flock.



When he was scolded by his brother for entering the battlefield to fight Goliath, he didn't come back at him with any abuse.



When he asked the King for permission to fight Goliath, he didn't brag. When he killed Goliath, he gave God the glory. When he was brought into the palace service, he served loyally.



4. Repentant

David was quick to repent.



When Nathan, the prophet, alerted David to his sins, he immediately repented, because he was a humble man, who had his head firmly on his shoulder and was too quick to forgive and quick to repent.



You can see his repentant heart when he emotionally broke down to write Psalm 51.



Psalm 51

For the director of music. A psalm of David.
When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.



Psalm 51

2 Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.



Psalm 51

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived
me.



Psalm 51

6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;

you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones you have crushed rejoice.



Psalm 51

9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.



Psalm 51

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O
God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.



Psalm 51

15 Open my lips, Lord,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would
bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice, O God, is [b] a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart

you, God, will not despise.



Psalm 51

18 May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of
the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.



Saul, on the other hand was self-righteous. He could hardly do anything wrong. And when he sinned against God, he would never admit it. Saul always had an excuse for his self-righteous faults. He was slow to repent, if he ever sincerely repented at all.



Instead of being repentant he justified his actions. Defiance is a hallmark sign of disobedience.



5. God Centered

David was God centered because to him God was everything. One can easily discern his love for God by reading the psalms.



He attributed all his earthly wealth and glories to God. He knew he was nothing without Him and he honored God with his whole being.



David had all the opportunity to grab the throne from Saul, but he never took things into his own hands.



He knew God's will and he knew God would bring His plan to fruition, in His own time.



David honored God's presence in his life
and he too honored God's anointed
servant Saul.



Saul built a monument for himself [I Samuel 15:12], but David wanted to build a house for God [I Chronicles 17:1-14].



1 Chronicles 17:1-14

1 After David was settled in his palace, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent.”

2 Nathan replied to David, “Whatever you have in mind, do it, for God is with you.”



1 Chronicles 17:1-14

3 But that night the word of God came to Nathan, saying:

4 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in.

5 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up out of Egypt to this day. I have moved from one tent site to another, from one dwelling place to another.

6 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders whom I commanded to shepherd my people, “Why have you not built me a ~~house of cedar?~~””



1 Chronicles 17:1-14

7 “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.

8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men on earth.



1 Chronicles 17:1-14

9 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning

10 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies.



1 Chronicles 17:1-14

“I declare to you that the Lord will build a house for you:

11 When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.



1 Chronicles 17:1-14

13 I will be his father, and he will be my son.
I will never take my love away from him,
as I took it away from your predecessor.

14 I will set him over my house and my
kingdom forever; his throne will be
established forever.””



What a big contrast. When David was told his son Solomon would build the temple, he prepared all the materials. He loved God and God loved him in return.



In this 21st century, we don't build
tabernacles for God and God doesn't live
in houses made of stone.



God now lives in the hearts of His people
through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.
In the present dispensation, our body is
the temple of God.



Therefore, to build God's temple is to keep
our body and our lives right before God
and to do His work.



Summation



We, like Saul and David, were called and
chosen by God.



At baptism we were anointed by His grace
and we received the power of the Holy
Spirit. We became children of God and
heirs to the promised Kingdom.



It is attitude not aptitude that will bring us
into the Kingdom of God.



Let us remember what God said to Samuel in selecting David to be King in 1 Samuel 16:7, “But Jehovah said to Samuel, Do not look on his face, nor on his height, because I have refused him. For He does not see as man sees. For man looks on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looks on the heart.”



It is the love of God, not the knowledge of
God that eventually brings salvation.



Knowledge is important in that it leads us to the truth. And it is only in truth that we can worship God.



Therefore, true love is to love the only true
God and everything that God loves which
is truth and righteousness.



All Christians have the opportunity to be called 'a man after God's own heart.'



When we obey his words and keep his commands, we are truly His. The Scripture says, “Love God with all your might.”



David was such a man, although in his moment of weakness he did sin. Yet, beyond his mortal weaknesses he loved God with his whole being, and we too can strive to be like David.



The choice is ours.



At this point it would be good for everyone to take the advice King David gave to his son Solomon in 1 Kings 2:2-4,

2 I go the way of all the earth. And you be strong and show yourself a man.



1 Kings 2:2-4

3 And keep the charge of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses,

4 so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn yourself, that Jehovah may continue His Word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul saying, there shall not be a man of yours cut off from the throne of Israel,



1 Chronicles 28:9

And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For Jehovah searches all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.”



Can we be Christians after God's own heart? The answer is YES. We can all strive to become one by emulating the qualities of King David. Listen to his advise!

