

## David – A Man after God’s Own Heart

“David, Saul, and Jonathan”

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A man after God’s own heart...

What if our appearance to others was a true reflection of the condition of our heart?

To a certain degree, they people do see the true condition of our heart!

*Matthew 12:33-37*<sup>33</sup> “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.”<sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.<sup>35</sup> The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.<sup>36</sup> But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.<sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

*Matthew 5:17-19*<sup>17</sup> “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?”<sup>18</sup> But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.”

David was treated very differently by Saul and Jonathan... What can we learn from his reaction to these relationships to help us further align our hearts with God’s heart?

- ❖ Saul’s relationship with David was marked by...
  - JEALOUSY... 18:9 “And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David”
  - FEAR... 18:12, 15, 29 “Saul was afraid of David...” “he was afraid of him...” “Saul became still more afraid of him”
  - PHYSICAL THREAT... 19:1 “Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David”

- ❖ Jonathan's relationship with David was marked by...
  - LOVE and UNITY 18:1 *"After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself"*
  - LOYALTY
    - 19:1, 2... <sup>1</sup> *Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David* <sup>2</sup> *and warned him...* <sup>3-7</sup>... Jonathan works to reconcile his father to David
  - PROTECTION Ch. 20... Jonathan forced to choose, recognizes his father's madness and helps protect David
  
- ❖ David's relationship with Jonathan and Saul was marked by...
  - FAITHFULNESS
    - \* Jonathan... 20:13-17, 42... A covenant of friendship and peace *"in the name of the Lord"*
    - \* Saul... David served Saul faithfully, *"Whatever Saul sent him to do he did it so successfully..."* (18:5)
  - INTEGRITY
    - \* Jonathan... David remained true to their covenant
    - \* Saul...
      - ❖ David spares Saul's life 24:1-8
      - ❖ David spares Saul's life a second time 26:12

Relationship lessons...

A man/woman after God's own heart...

- ❖ Is not immune from relationship difficulties, perhaps face even greater challenges (18:9)
- ❖ Forges relationships *"in the name of the Lord"* (20:42)
- ❖ Navigates relationships in *"righteousness and faithfulness"* (26:23)
- ❖ Maintains relationships with a respect and love for others that is a reflection of God's love (24:3-15; 26:9-11, 17-21; 2 Samuel 1)