

**David, Shepherd and King**  
**#1 A Heart for God - 1 Samuel 16:1-13**  
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David's name is found over 1,000 times in the Bible. More is written about him than about any other biblical character.

1. Samuel Was Sent to Bethlehem (1-3)

***Samuel Was Rebuked by God***

- **Do not allow someone else's sin to paralyze your \_\_\_\_\_**  
Samuel was to continue to do the will of God no matter what Saul was doing. There is a time to mourn and a time to act.

- **God's purposes are never frustrated by man's \_\_\_\_\_**  
Saul was the people's choice but David was God's choice. Swindoll, "When a man or woman of God fails, nothing of God fails."

- **God desires obedience not \_\_\_\_\_**  
Samuel questions the LORD's direction. Samuel's fear of Saul indicates the spiritual level that Saul had fallen to. Follow God's clear commandments and He will provide clearer direction.

**When We Obey God Makes a \_\_\_\_\_**

2. Samuel Obeyed God's Commands (4-7)

***Samuel Was Faithful In an Unfaithful Time***

Each guest would bath and change their clothes so that they would not be ceremonially unclean. There would be time between the sacrifice and the feast for the meal to be prepared. It seems at this time Samuel called for Jesse's sons.

- **Samuel was looking for another \_\_\_\_\_**

When the people chose Saul they did so based upon outward appearance. Samuel was making the same mistake literally, "looks on the eyes". He was judging by the sight of his eyes.

1 Samuel 9:2, "And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people." Samuel who was one of the godliest people in Israel was influenced by the culture he lived in. Saul was hiding when he was to be presented to the nation as their king.

1 Samuel 10:23-24, "So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. And Samuel said to all the people, "Do

you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?"

**No One Is Immune from \_\_\_\_\_ Contamination**

3. Samuel Anointed David (8-13)

***Seven Sons Stood before Samuel***

- **The last one would become the \_\_\_\_\_ one**

Scholars estimate David to be 15 to 20 years of age at this time. It was common for the youngest son to tend the sheep. During the time of the Patriarchs shepherding was a noble occupation. Randy Alcorn writes about the shepherd's status in Israel. "After the settling in Palestine, shepherding ceased to hold its prominent position. As the Israelites acquired more farmland, pasturing decreased. Shepherding became a menial vacation for the laboring class."

**God Delights In Using the \_\_\_\_\_**

He was looked over by his own father. He wasn't even invited to the feast. The description reveals that David's appearance was appealing but not imposing as Saul's was. This was a private anointing; it was

not time for David to be presented to the nation. David was anointed two more times. He would be anointed before the tribe of Judah, 2 Samuel 2:4 and then before all Israel, 2 Samuel 5:3. Jesus is called the Son of David. The word Christ means anointed one.

4. David Was the Divine Choice

***The Oil Was Symbolic of the Holy Spirit***

(13) “And the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.” God’s choice of David was not a random act. God chose David out of all Israel for a reason.

• **David was chosen because of what God \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart**

Verse 7 is the key verse. “For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

In both testaments the heart is the most comprehensive term for the whole person. The heart is the true you. It is the place where God works. Proverbs 4:23, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

1 Samuel 13:14, “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

• **David was chosen by God because David had a heart for \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 13:22, “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them

David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will

do all My will.’” **A Person Who Has a Heart for God Does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God**

David did sin but he confessed his sin and repented of it. God is still looking for these kinds of people today.

2 Chronicles 16:9, “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”