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DAVID (I): A HEART DEDICATED TO GOD

“For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7b)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will

God chose David to serve Him, and David served God’s purpose.

Knowledge of God

God is all-knowing and all-powerful. He knows our thoughts.

Good Works

Learn to examine our hearts and motives. Strive for a heart that is courageous, diligent, and dedicated to God’s purpose.

A. David’s Character

1. *A diligent shepherd:* Tending sheep required hard work, diligence, wisdom, and courage. David loved his flock, and was dedicated towards the job entrusted to him (1 Sam 17:15, 20).
2. *A man after God’s own heart:* The Lord described David as “a man after My own heart, who will do all My will” (Acts 13:22).
3. *Behaved wisely in all his ways:* David had spiritual wisdom from God, which was a result of his close relationship with the Lord (1 Sam 18:5, 14).

B. David’s Anointing

As Jesse’s firstborn, it might have seemed normal to Samuel for Eliab to be God’s chosen. But the Lord reminded Samuel that “the LORD looks at the heart” (1 Sam 16:7).

The Importance of Being Anointed

To be anointed with oil was a sign of separation for God’s work. Likewise, the Holy Spirit is a sign that we have been set apart for God’s work, and He allows us to be empowered by God for His service.

C. David and Goliath

The Israelites were terrified by Goliath’s size and appearance, but David only saw a Philistine who was powerless before the might of the living God. His choice in weapons reminds us that God can work powerfully through us with whatever talents that we have, as long as we step forward with courage.

D. David and Jonathan

Although they were technically rivals for the throne, David and Jonathan had a truly beautiful friendship that surpassed their circumstances. They teach us that genuine friends:

1. *Protect each other (1 Sam 19:1–7; 20:32–42)*
2. *Love each other unconditionally (2 Sam 1:25–26)*
3. *Strengthen each other spiritually (1 Sam 23:15–18)*
4. *Remain loyal to each other (2 Sam 9:1)*

Life Application: The Lord Looks at the Heart

1. A heart that is motivated for God
2. A heart that is faithful in the little things
3. A heart dedicated for God’s purpose
4. A courageous heart that faces down giants

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Lesson 8 Homework Assignment

David (I): A Heart Dedicated to God

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Samuel 16:7b):

1. What does the memory verse teach us about our own hearts?
2. “Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the _____ of the _____ of _____, the _____ of the _____ of Israel, whom you have _____.’” (1 Samuel 17:45)
3. What characteristics did David show as a shepherd?
4. Why is it important that we are anointed by the Holy Spirit?
5. What was different about David’s perspective of Goliath?
6. Are there any “Goliaths” in your life that stop you from drawing closer to God? Briefly explain.
7. Of the four types of “hearts” that we have learned from David, which do you need to work on the most? Why?