

GROUNDED

FOUNDATIONS OF DISCIPLING
APPENDIX A: A CONTRAST OF HEARTS
A Bible Study

KING SAUL

SAUL'S LIFE

GOD HAND-PICKED SAUL TO BE KING

1 Samuel 9:1-3, 15-17

1 Samuel 10:1

GODLY MEN WERE IN HIS LIFE TO HELP HIM

1 Samuel 10:5-10 Samuel the prophet

1 Samuel 19:16 Jonathan his son

GOD GAVE HIM VICTORY

1 Samuel 9:16

1 Samuel 14:20-23

SAUL'S PRIDE

1 SAMUEL 13:7B-14

- » Saul was independent and over-stepped his authority, then he was defensive
- » Pressure and struggle brought out his heart (as it does with all of our hearts!)

1 SAMUEL 15:1-3, 7-33

- Q: What do you believe Saul was doing by keeping animals and Agag alive? (see v: 20-21)
- Q: Did Saul believe what he was saying in v: 13?
- Q: Is Saul humble in his response (v: 24-27)?

SAUL'S HEART

SELF-RELIANT

Not humble about his need for people and respectful as a man under authority.

INDEPENDENT

Made decisions on his own. Genuinely believed he knew what was best.

DEFENSIVE

Did not value discipline and repent. Excused away input from godly men.

HOW DO WE GET HERE?

- » Stop seeing our sinful nature clearly (confession of sin and honesty about our heart)
- » Become independent with our hearts and decision-making
- » Do not really LISTEN when godly men and women point things out

KING DAVID

DAVID'S LIFE

GOD HAND-PICKED DAVID TO BE KING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (but did not become king for 13 years!)

GODLY MEN WERE IN HIS LIFE TO HELP HIM

1 Samuel 20:41-42 Jonathan his friend

2 Samuel 12:13 Nathan the prophet

GOD GAVE HIM VICTORY

1 Samuel 17:45-50 Goliath

1 Samuel 18:12-16 Military

DAVID'S HUMILITY

1 SAMUEL 24:1-7, 26:8-11

- » He accepted his place
- » He let God work in his time

2 SAMUEL 22

- » He genuinely loved God
- » He was filled with gratitude
- » Saw God as just and trusted in him

Heart for God: 1 Sam 30:4-6, 2 Sam 7:1-2, 22-24
Self-view: 1 Sam 18:18-19, 2 Sam 7:18-19
God-reliant: 1 Sam 30:7-8, 2 Sam 2:1, 2 Sam 5:18-19
Honoured God's Authority: 2 Sam 1:14-16
Honest Emotion: 2 Sam 6:8-9, 14-22
Repentance: 2 Sam 12:13-23,
Trusted God: 2 Sam 15:24-26, 2 Sam 16:5-14
Sacrifice: 1 Chr 29:3-5
God-dependent: 1 Chr 29:14-17

DAVID'S HEART

GOD-RELIANT

Personal relationship with God

DEPENDENT

Fully listened to and obeyed God, even when tough

OPEN & HONEST

Took responsibility for his sin & yet was honest when he struggled

HOW DO WE GET HERE?

- » Cherish our relationship with God & protect it at all costs
- » Deeply respect God's authority in our lives; be teachable and approachable
- » Complete openness about sin & emotions