

GOD'S CHOICE OF A LEADER

I SAM 16 (1-8-12) Piper Bible Church

13:14 – God is looking for people after His own heart – These are God's choice of leaders.

I. God shows Providence in His selection of leaders & servants

V. 1-5

A. Samuel, God's servant, needed to overcome his disappointments & serve God.

V. 1

B. God shows His Providence in all of this.

V. 1b

God had provided Himself a king, among Jesse's kids, showing God's Providence.

God has a plan & God really is in control – Prov 21:1; Dan 2:21; Prov 16:9

II. God chooses David & reveals some things about his character

A. David has a heart for doing God's will.

God is more interested in the heart, than the outside package.

V. 6-10 – Jesse brings Sons pass to Samuel, & God said He'd not chosen any of them.

V. 7 - God looks at a person's heart – Psalm 147:10-11

13:14 – Paul quotes this passage in Acts 13:22.

God wants you to have a heart for doing His will.

B. God's choice is usually a seemingly ordinary person.

V. 11

I Cor 1:26-29 – **God likes to use the ordinary to do the extraordinary.**

C. David has the heart of a shepherd.

The 1st time you hear what David is doing reveals that he has the heart of a shepherd.

V. 11-13

John 21:15-17 – **God is very much interested in us feeding His sheep, Believers.**

I Tim 5:17

As a side note, Saul wants to put a bandaid on a big problem – **V. 14-17.**

How could an evil spirit from the Lord trouble someone? Job 1:6-12

D. David has courage.

V. 18 – “a mighty **valiant man**, and a man of war”

Courage is doing what is right regardless of fear.

Courage is based on principles, a duty to act in obedience to God & His word.

Rev 3:14-16 – Believers today need courage to do what they know they should be doing,

E. David uses wisdom.

V. 18 – “and **prudent in matters**”

“Prudent” = Wisdom in practical things – Prov 14:8; 14:15.

You'll find 3 words closely related in the Bible: knowledge, wisdom, & understanding.

Knowledge applied becomes wisdom, and wisdom lived becomes understanding.

F. The Lord is with David.

V. 18 – “and the **LORD is with him**.”

Matt 7:17-20 – **Christians are recognized by their fruits, their actions.**

All of David's qualities that make him God's choice of a leader are qualities you can develop & grow in.