

David's Heart for God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Acts 13:20.

B. We ought to reflect on our future legacies.

C. There are three life messages that shaped David, which were powerful lessons of truth.

II. The Lord looks not on the outward appearance but at the heart. (I Samuel 16, Ruth 4:17-22)

A. Appearances can be deceiving.

B. God is concerned about our hearts. (Psalm 51:6, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 15:15)

C. Hypocrites were people who pretended to be something that they were not.

1. Outward change that is not internal cannot sustain itself.

2. Jesus is concerned with cleaning the inside of the cup. (Matthew 23:25-26)

3. The opposite of a hypocrite is a witness.

D. We change the heart through the law of God—the Word of God refreshes the heart. (Psalm 19:7)

1. We must hear the Word.

2. We must read the Word.

3. We must study the Word.

4. We must memorize the Word.

5. We must meditate on the Word. (Joshua 1:8)

6. We must apply the Word.

III. A heart of brokenness and repentance before God. (II Samuel 11-12)

A. David was guilty of adultery and murder.

B. Sin caused great suffering for David.

C. David's response was concern over God's heart. (Psalm 51:4, 10)

D. God is looking for...

1. The right attitude—a broken heart.

2. The right action—confession, a change of mind and acceptance. (Proverbs 21:13, Proverbs 20, I John 1:9)

3. Trust. (II Samuel 16, I Samuel 24, Psalm 105)

IV. A heart of humility. (Psalm 34:18, Matthew 7:21-27)

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to get in the Word of God in several different ways?

2. How would you encourage someone to deal with sin in his or her life?

3. What does it look like to be humble? In what ways can you grow in humility?
