

“THE HEART OF A CHAMPION”

I Samuel 17:1-54

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The contrast between the people's choice and God's choice:
 - 1. The people's choice – externals that only some have: (*I Sam. 9:2*)
 - 2. God's choice – the internals that anyone can have: (*I Sam. 16:1-2, 7; Ps. 78:70, 72*)
- B. God's agenda for us all: (*I Sam. 13:14*)
 - 1. Nobodies becoming spiritual somebodies: (*I Pet. 5:6*)
 - 2. The common thread of spiritual somebodies: (*Survey the Psalms*)
- C. The story of an overlooked teen who became God's champion: (*I Sam. 16*)

II. THE “GIANT TEST” USED TO UNVEIL A FUTURE KING’S HEART: vv. 1-54

- A. Understanding the setting for this “giant test”: vv. 1-3, 19, 21
- B. The magnitude of this “giant test”: vv. 4-11, 16, 23
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. The properly prepped teen student: vv. 12-22
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 - 2.
- D. Two insights all students should embrace: vv. 23-30
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- E. The proper mindset for the test: vv. 31-40
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 - 2.
 - 3.
- F. Grasping what the test is truly all about: vv. 41-48
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- G. Passing the “giant test” with the heart of a champion: vv. 49-54
 - 1.
 - 2.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.