

Men's Bible Study: King David & Biblical Manhood

Week 9

10/5/22

Discerning Our Deep Desires

Is there a time in your life when you wanted something so bad, it was all you could think about?

1 Samuel 22:1-2 (ESV)

1 Samuel 22:6-8 (ESV)

1 Samuel 22:16-19 (ESV)

1. What is it I am actually wanting?

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV), "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

Philippians 3:18-20, "For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

2. Which direction does my desire spiritually take me?

Proverbs 30:7-9 (NLT), ⁷ O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. ⁸ First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. ⁹ For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name."

3. If I were given what I desire, how would it affect others?

4. Why hasn't God fulfilled this desire?

Psalm 142:1-7 (NLT), "I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy. ² I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. ³ When

I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn. Wherever I go, my enemies have set traps for me. ⁴ I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me. ⁵ Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, "You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life. ⁶ Hear my cry, for I am very low. Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. ⁷ Bring me out of prison so I can thank you. The godly will crowd around me, for you are good to me."