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Title: Mentor Me, David, pt.1

Purpose: Provoke people to imitate David, a man after God's heart who tried to do everything God wanted him to do.

Truth for Today: I want to be like David, a man after God's heart, who's motivated to please God by doing everything He wants me to do.

Text: Acts 13:22-23

Topic: David, Love God, Mentor

Series Title: Mentor Me

Series Purpose: Provoke people to learn and apply life lessons, good and bad, from Biblical characters.

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I. Introduction

A. One of the biggest keys to having a successful life is keeping the main thing the main thing and not getting distracted. E.g., Bethany soccer player isn't looking at socks to see if they're pulled up. She's looking at the goal and trying to score. It's the same in our spiritual life. Jesus tells us what the main thing is, A teacher asked Jesus, [Mark 12:28–30 (NLT) “Of all the commandments, which is the **most important?**”

1. Entire Bible SFLB 1721 pages, directives on every subject imaginable: use of time, gender, marriage, money, sin, dress, treat friends and enemies, truth, love....

B. Vs.29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this:

...30...**you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.**’] i.e., live our lives to please God and make Him happy. Why? We are expressing out gratitude for God 1st loving us, [1 John 4:19 (NKJV) **We love Him because He first loved us.**^{1]}

1. This commandment tells us what the main thing/ primary focus in the Christian life is, to love God by willingly doing what He wants us to do. Loving God is a feeling, attitudes and priorities expressed by how we choose to we think and act.

C. Review series: Mentor Me. It's about learning life lessons from Biblical mentors. The best mentor to show us how to love God with all our heart is David. Context: Paul and Barnabas at Antioch, [Acts 13:22–23 (NLT) But God removed (*king*) Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom **God said, ‘I have found David...a man after my own heart. He will do**

everything I want him to do.’ 23 “And it is one of **King David’s descendants, Jesus**, who is God’s promised Savior of Israel!]

1. David was special. He wasn’t perfect but he was Israel’s greatest king, he was in the lineage of Jesus, and he wrote part of the Bible. The greatest mentoring lesson he offers us is about our relationship with God, [vs. 22...**God said, ‘I have found David...a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’**] This is perhaps the highest praise a man could receive from God.

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II. There’s a difference between being religious and loving The Lord.

A. Context, 1 Samuel 16:1–13 (NLT) the Lord said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king...Find a man named Jesse...for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.” ...6

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!” 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “**Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**” ...] Outward appearances can be deceiving. The best-looking guy you know may not be the best husband. He might have a professional degree, drive a nice car, have 5k friends on FB, live in a big house, be on a committee at church, and always brings his Bible to church. His inner world/ heart is different. He’s selfish, secretly addicted to child porn and is violent with his wife. People think he has a perfect life, but it’s what’s inside character/ attitudes/ values, motivated by our relationship with God that matters most.

1. We can be outwardly religious, but our heart is far from God. Jesus and Pharisees, Context religious tradition of failure to take care of parents and give money to synagogue, [Matthew 15:1–9 (NLT)...Pharisees...7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you...8 **‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.** 9 Their worship is a farce...]

2. David was different. Most of what he did was motivated by a genuine love for God., not rules and commands. When he messed up, he confessed and repented. He wasn’t perfect but was motivated to please God in all he did. God saw this, I.e., [Acts 13:22 (NLT)...**God said, ‘I**

have found David...a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’] I want to be like David. You?

III. What was David’s heart like? The Psalms he wrote tell us. (5 mentoring lessons)

A. A man after God’s heart loves God’s Word and desires to do what pleases Him. His view of the Bible/ Law of Moses, [Ps. 19:7–13 (NLT) **The instructions of the Lord** are perfect, *reviving the soul*. **The decrees of the Lord** are trustworthy, *making wise the simple*. 8 **The commandments of the Lord** are right, *bringing joy to the heart*. **The commands of the Lord** are clear, *giving insight for living*. 9...**The laws of the Lord** are *true*...10 They are *more desirable than gold*...11 *They are a warning* to your servant, *a great reward for those who obey them*.]

1. The Bible, OT, was David’s roadmap/ GPS for life. He embraced it as God’s Word and sought to please God by obeying His Word, not because he had to but because he wanted to. People who love each other want to spend time together and do what makes each other happy. // us, why we read it and obey it. Pictures app. The most important way a person who loves God starts their day is by spending time with the Lord reading the Bible, praying, and worshipping.

B. A man after God’s heart doesn’t want to do wrong because it displeases God.

1. [Vs. 12 How can I know all the **sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults**. 13 **Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don’t let them control me**. Then I will be **free of guilt and innocent** of great sin.]

2. Our flesh loves to sin. Eve wanted the apple, and we want someone else’s spouse, we envy people who have more than us, we can’t help ourselves when porn pops up on the phone but, there’s hope in the struggle, Paul, [Ro. 7:21–25 (NLT)... **when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong**. 22 **I love God’s law with all my heart**. 23 But there is another **power within me** that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a **slave** to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a **miserable** person I am! **Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin**...25 Thank God! **The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord**.] Jesus can forgive us, deliver us, and change us as we obey His Word and yield to the Holy Spirit. It’s a lifelong process called sanctification.

- C. A man after God's heart is a worshipper. [Psalm 103:1–5 (NLT) **Let all that I am praise the LORD**; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. 2 **Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.** 3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. 4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. 5 **He fills my life with good things...**] David recognized everything good in his life came from God and he said so by worshipping. It's easy to get used to having a good life but people whose heart is after God are constantly offering thankful praise. Examples...
- D. A man after God's heart recognizes God is his source. God saved David from Saul's attack, e.g., [Ps. 18:1–3 (NLT) I love you, Lord; **you are my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior...He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.** 3 **I called on the Lord...** and he saved me...] This is humility, a recognition that [Acts 17:28 (NLT) For in him (*Jesus Christ*) we live and move and exist.] David worked, he fought, he planned and accumulated wealth but he realized God was the source of all that was good in his life. God was the reason behind his successes, victories and prosperity.
- E. A man after God's heart acknowledges and repents when he sins. Context: David adultery and murder, [Psalm 51:1–12 (NLT) **Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. 2 Wash me clean from my guilt...3...it haunts me day and night...8 Oh, give me back my joy again...10 Create in me a clean heart...Renew a loyal spirit within me. 11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. 12...make me willing to obey you.**
1. Sin effects our relationship with the God we love, // adultery in marriage. David didn't like the feeling of hurting the God He loved. We don't either.

IV. Conclusion

- A. Truth for Today: I want to be like David, a man after God's heart, who's motivated to please God by doing everything He wants me to do. Our mentor David taught us: A man after God's heart (1) Loves God's Word and desires to do what pleases Him, (2) Doesn't want to do wrong because it displeases God, the one we love, (3) Is a worshipper, (4) Recognizes God is his source, (5) Acknowledges and repents when he sins.

B. David gives us an example of what Jesus said was the greatest commandment, loving God with all our heart. May we choose to love God with all our heart, to please Him and make Him happy because we're grateful He 1st loved us.

V. Response

A. Prayer

B. Souls

VI. Bibliography/ Resources: Logos Bible Software and Library, Platinum Edition, was used to prepare this message.

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