

GOD'S MAN - GOD'S TIME - GOD'S PLACE

The Integrity Of A Leader

2 Samuel 2-5

INTRODUCTION:

1. David was probably 15 years old when Samuel anointed him King of Israel.
2. **2 Samuel 5:4**
3. That means the time between was 15 years.
4. **Thomas Carlisle** - a Scottish essayist, historian and Philosopher said,
 - a) "*Adversity is hard on a man, but for every one who can handle prosperity there are 100 who can handle adversity.*"
 - b) **Adversity is the test of our faith, but prosperity is the test of our integrity.**
5. Integrity is keeping a commitment after the circumstances under which the commitment has changed.

SIX LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES OF DAVID

I. LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY REFUSE TO REJOICE WHEN OTHERS FAIL

1. Rejoicing over other's failure is nothing more than "sour grapes" or jealousy.
2. **2 Samuel 1:1-16**
3. David then composed a new song of lament honoring Saul and Jonathan.
 - a) **Vs 17-27**
4. Nowhere in all the accounts we have gone through concerning Saul do we see where David speaks critically or negatively about Saul!!

II. LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY SEEK COUNSEL FROM THE LORD

1. **2 Samuel 2:1**
 - a) David would go to Hebron and wait for the Lord to give him further directions. leader of Judah to come and discover David's reign there.
 - b) **Vs 2-4**

III. LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY SEEK A FRESH ANOINTING FROM THE LORD

1. David was anointed **three times** in his journey to the throne of Israel.
 - a) **The first time** as a 15 yr. old youth by Samuel the prophet
 - 1) *1 Samuel 16:13*
 - b) **A second time** in Hebron to be king over Judah
 - 1) *2 Samuel 2:4*
 - c) **The third time** by the people of Israel to be king over them
 - 1) *2 Samuel 5:3*
2. The anointing with oil in the Old Testament was a type and symbol of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that was to later permanently come in the new testament.
3. The Holy Spirit anoints every member of Christ's body with special endowments for ministry and service.
4. **FACT IS:** No one should venture out in the field of ministry without certain knowledge that the Holy Spirit has equipped them with the necessary power and wisdom to get the job done.

IV. LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY GIVE CREDIT TO THEIR PREDECESSORS

1. When David took the throne of Israel, one of the first actions he took was to tend to business left unfinished by Saul.
 2. *2 Samuel 2:4-7*
3. When the Philistines found Saul dead, they cut off the heads of Saul and his boys.
 - a) Then lifted their bodies up on the walls of Beth-shan so the Philistine people could make sport of the fallen leaders of Israel.

V. LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY RELY ON GOD TO ESTABLISH THEIR LEADERSHIP

1. When David was anointed King, there were still Saul supporters who thought one of Saul's other sons should be the next king.
 - a) Ishbosheth - a son of Saul supported by Abner
 - b) David - supported by Joab

2. *2 Samuel 2:14-16*

3. David did not try to destroy those who might resist him.

4. **2 Samuel 3:1**

5. The lesson here is about competition.

- a) David did not try to destroy those who might stand in his way.
- b) David let the detractors come to him.
- c) David never backed down from a fight but never started one.
- d) David let God bring the battles to him on His timetable.
- e) Waiting on God is one of the hardest lesson's in the world to learn.

VI. LEADERS KEEP THEIR WORD

1. Jonathan knew David would become the next king, that God had chosen David.

- a) And he asked David not to take vengeance upon Saul's house, especially Jonathan's own descendants.

2. **1 Samuel 20:14-15**

3. **2 Samuel 4:4**

- a) And David would keep his covenant promise to Jonathan with Mephibosheth.

4. **2 Samuel 9:1-7**

- a) David kept his word to Jonathan and Mephibosheth would eat bread at David's table forever.

CONCLUSION: TWO VALUABLE LESSONS

1. GOD IS RESPONSIBLE TO GIVE US POSITION IN LIFE

- a) *Psalm 75:7*
- b) **2 Samuel 5:12**
- c) David knew who made him King
 - 1) He failed for 15 years and then it all turned around.

2. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BE READY

- a) Our job is to be faithful and wait on God's lead.
- b) David was far more prepared to be king @ 30, than he was @ 15.