

The heart of the matter 2.2.20

Learning from David part 2

1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. Be careful what you pray for!

"Do as they say and give them a king." 1 Sam 8:27

2. Understand that God's biggest concern for me is my heart

"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? ¹⁰ But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives." Jeremiah 17:9

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23

Jesus: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

What did God see in David's heart?

- Humble heart
- Worshipping heart
- Trusting heart
- Faithful heart
- Teachable heart

"Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honour you." Ps 86:11

- Heart of Integrity
- Repentant heart

3. When I cultivate a godly heart it opens the door for a special anointing

"And the Lord said, "This is the one; anoint him."

¹³ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on.' 1 Samuel 16:12b-13

What is an anointing?

In OT a rite of inauguration into one of 3 offices:

- Prophet – 1 Kings 19:16, 1 Chron 16:22, Ps 105:15
- High priest – Ex 40:15, Num 3:3, Ex 29:29
- Jewish Kings – 1 Sam 9:16, 1 Kings 1:34, 39

In N.T. Paul says...

"It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us (anointed us), ²² and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first instalment that guarantees everything he has promised us." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

- Holy Spirit sets us apart for a specific task – sung worship, children & youth, catering, caring for homeless,
- Holy Spirit gifts us for the task
- Holy Spirit empowers us for the task

Something to consider on Holy Spirit anointing:

- Don't confuse anointing with indwelling of Spirit – every Christian has the Spirit's indwelling
"And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. ¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people." Ephesians 1:13-14
- The person with the anointing is usually the last to realise it!
- God treats us all as individuals – therefore our experiences of Holy Spirit are all different
- Our emotions are unreliable guides – Just because we don't feel it doesn't mean the Holy Spirit is not at work!

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Ps 51:10 (ESV)