

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

Family Devotion — Lesson 53

MEMORY VERSE — ACTS 13:22

“I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.”

- God was looking for a person after His own heart. David was just that person. This meant that David had a heart for God. Your “heart” is who you really are on the inside. It is the true you. It is the part of you God is most concerned with. Many lessons can be learned from this verse.
- To be a person after God’s own heart means to have a heart like God’s heart. This means:
 - 1) To have a desire to fulfill God’s will. Do you?
 - 2) To think like God. Do you?
 - 3) To love like God. Do you?
 - 4) To shepherd and care for others like God. Do you?
 - 5) To be humble like God. Are you?
 - 6) To be merciful like God. Are you?
 - 7) To be holy like God. Are you?
- David had all these qualities. He was not perfect or sinless, but his life certainly reflected God’s heart. Even when he messed up and sinned, his heart was broken in repentance. This should be encouraging for us. We come way short of the glory of God, but if our heart is after God’s heart, we can live a life that will be pleasing to Him and give Him glory.
- A person can never fool God by doing right on the outside and not being right on the inside (heart). Be careful to always have your heart right with God. He sees what man cannot see.



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Which of the seven heart conditions do you need to work on the most?
- What can you conclude about a person who does not want to fulfill God’s will?
- Would you consider yourself to be a person after God’s own heart?
- Who else in the Bible can you think of who had a heart like God’s?



PRAYER TIME

- Pray for God to help you fulfill His will.
- Ask God to help you give Him glory.



CHALLENGE

- The next time someone does something bad to you, show them mercy.