

Dan's Devotion: David- Man of God

I've been trying to think of a good way to work my recent hole-in-one into a Dan's Devotion. Things like, you are one in a million in God's eyes or God can do the impossible through you, or it was a little preview of what heaven will be like, but I decided that they are all pretty weak attempts to let everyone know that I had a hole in one. So, never mind what I just said. I would never shamelessly promote my heroics. ☺

Instead, I thought I would share a few insights I have gained from what I have been reading in the Old Testament. I just finished reading through the book of 1 Chronicles. There are a lot of lists of names in Chronicles that aren't exactly thrilling to read through, but there is some exciting stuff in there as well. I found myself asking the question, "Why did God think so highly of David?" It certainly wasn't because he was perfect. In fact, he had some pretty major screw-ups in his life time. But I think there are some major things that stand out about the life of David that would be good for us to emulate.

- 1) He was humble. He never made it about him or looking good in man's eyes. It was always about God. (He probably would never bring up the hole-in-one he had.)
- 2) He always gave God the praise and glory. In all of his victorious battles, he didn't take the credit for himself. He gave the glory to God.
- 3) When he did make a mistake, he was truly repentant. You can sense his agony and pain when he gave his sins over to God.
- 4) He sought God's direction and guidance in whatever he did. He didn't just jump into things without consulting with God first.
- 5) He trusted God. He knew that God would keep his promises and he had complete confidence in God and God didn't let him down.

Here is a prayer that David prayed that I think gives a good glimpse into why God appreciated David so much.

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

"Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, O God, you have spoken about the future of the house of your servant. You have looked on me as though I were the most exalted of men, O LORD God. "What more can David say to you for honoring your servant? For you know your servant, O LORD. For the sake of your servant and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made known all these great promises. "There is no one like you, O LORD, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth whose God went out to redeem a people for himself, and to make a name for yourself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? You made your people Israel your very own forever, and you, O LORD, have become their God. "And now, LORD, let the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house be established forever. Do as you promised, so that it will be established and that your name will be great forever. Then men will say, 'The LORD Almighty, the God over Israel, is Israel's God!' And the house of your servant David will be established before you. I Chronicles 17:16-24

I love David's heart. Let's all strive to have a heart for God like David had. I think God would appreciate it greatly.

In Christ,

Dan