

## ***"After God's Own Heart"***

*Wednesday Evening Adult Class by Ray Reynolds (October 23, 2013)*

Introduction: As we transition through **The Story**, from judges to kings, we are considering the life of David. Sunday we noted David's anointing as the next king by Samuel, his defeat of Goliath, and his unique friendship with Jonathan. Next Sunday we will consider some of his blunders and mistakes. Tonight, I would like for us to focus solely on that thought of David being a man after God's own heart. Clearly, David understood God's "big picture" (**II Samuel 7:23**). It all helped him become a man after God's own heart (**Acts 13:22**). What can we learn from his story? Let's study together....

Discussion:

### ***I. Seeking God's Presence***

- A. David sought God's presence (**II Samuel 5:1-5**).
- B. God is pleased with those who seek His presence (**Psalms 105:4**).
- C. The presence of God in our lives is vital to our survival (**Revelation 2:4-5**).

### ***II. Seeking God's Direction***

- A. David sought God's direction (**II Samuel 5:19, 23**).
- B. God is pleased with those who seek His direction in life (**Proverbs 3:5-8**).
- C. The direction and will of God should be a top priority (**Matthew 6:33**).

### ***III. Seeking God's Work***

- A. David worked for God and he celebrated God's work (**II Samuel 6:14-17 21**).
- B. God is pleased with those who worship and celebrate Him and His works (**Job 36:24**).
- C. The work of God should be on the agenda of every Christian (**Ephesians 3:20**).

### ***IV. Seeking God's Priorities***

- A. David focused on God's priorities (**II Samuel 7:18-29**).
- B. God is pleased with those who focus on His priorities (**I Kings 3:5-15**).
- C. The priorities of God must be taken seriously (**Matthew 26:36-44**).

Conclusion: God has great plans for you! The challenge is to make it our heart's desire to know God better. We should desire to be just like Him. The Lord knows that if He has our heart... then He will have soul, mind, and strength (**Mark 12:30**). The question we have to ponder is "Are we after God's own heart?" The Lord is waiting for us to be drawn to Him the same way He is drawn to us (**James 4:8**). Where is your heart? "For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (**Proverbs 23:7**). What is your heart's desire? Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (**Matthew 6:21**). Seek God's heart!