A Man After God's Heart

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INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever done something that you regretted doing?
- When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.
- One would think this man would never, should never have been described as a man after God's own heart.

1 David Attempted to Cover It Up

Psalm 38:4

- David knew that what he did was wrong.
- From committing adultery, covering it with a lie, trying to cover that with drunkenness, ultimately with murder.
- One sin covering another, like a snowball. His sins were multiplied.
- For my iniquities have gone over my head like a heavy burden. They are too heavy for me.

2 David Admitted, I Was Wrong

2 Samuel 12:7–13; Psalm 51:16–17; Acts 13:22

- Nathan could say, You are the man. You're the one I'm talking about in this parable.
- What David did in 2 Samuel 12 verses 7 through 13 admitted, I was wrong.
- In those three words are captivated, I believe, the very essence of what made David that great man after God's own heart.
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart. These, O God, you will not despise.
- What God really wants is someone who will give from the heart, the broken spirit, the contrite heart.

3 It Affects Our Relationship With One Another

Proverbs 9:8; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15–18

- Forgiven because he was willing to say I was wrong.
- It not only affects our relationship with God, it affects our relationship with one another.
- Reprove a scoffer, he will hate you. Reprove a wise man, he will love you.
- If you do the offending, you go, straighten it out. If you've been offended, you go and straighten it out.
- God wants that kind of humble attitude and disposition. Not a proudful.

4 Paul Acknowledged Wrong: Honestly Mistaken

Acts 8:1; Romans 14:23; 1 Timothy 4:1–2

- Do you remember Paul. How Paul acknowledged wrong. He had persecuted Christians even to murder.
- It was out of zeal for God that he was honestly mistaken.

- Always follow your conscience, but recognize that your conscience is simply a guide.
- Always make sure that your conscience is guided by the Word of God.
- Just because they may be good people doesn't mean that they are right. Test it by the word of God.

5 Conscience Purged by the Blood of Christ

Hebrews 9:11–14; Hebrews 10:19–22; Romans 6:3–4

- Either we allow our conscience to become seared or it can be purged of the burden of sin.
- How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
- Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience in our bodies, washed with pure water.
- Even in baptism, we reach the blood of Jesus Christ.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you willing to confess? To simply say, Lord, I'm ready to obey. Here am I.**

MY NOTES