

SAMUEL RESPONDS

And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king...Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

1 Samuel 8:7, 9 (NIV)

- The result? Saul was chosen as king over Israel. But it didn't last, and God started searching for a replacement, a different king.

THE LORD MAKES A CHOICE

"God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NCV)

Three "heart qualities" of a godly leader:

1. _____

"But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

1 Samuel 13:14 (NIV)

2. _____

- Remember it's not about you! God must always get the glory.

3. _____

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

Psalms 78:70-72 (NIV)



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Fast Facts About David:

- Youngest son of a poor farmer named Jesse. 7 brothers, 2 sisters.
- He lived in Bethlehem, a nobody in a family of nobodies.
- Served King Saul as his personal musician and armor-bearer.
- Giant slayer.
- Strong in battle but weak, fallible and sinful in his relationships.
- The most famous ancestor of Jesus and greatest king of Israel.
- Listed among the great heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11.
- Called by God a MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART.

But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

Acts 13:22 (NLT)

How did David, a young shepherd boy, get to be king over Israel?

THE PEOPLE CRY OUT FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

But Samuel's sons didn't take after him; they were out for what they could get for themselves, taking bribes, corrupting justice.

1 Samuel 8:5 (MES)

"You are an old man. You set a good example for your sons, but they haven't followed it. Now we want a king to be our leader, just like all the other nations. Choose one for us!"

1 Samuel 8:5 (CEV)

Answer key

Three “heart qualities” of a godly leader:

1. SPIRITUALITY

2. HUMILITY

3. INTEGRITY