

“A Man After My Heart”
Acts 13:22

In Acts 13:22, the Apostle Paul referred to King David as, “A man after my heart” and this was a part of God’s statement about him.

Someone may say, “Wait, didn’t David sin with Bathsheba and then have her husband Uriah sent to the battle front where he was killed? (II Samuel 12:9.) How can such a sinner as King David be referred to as “A man after my heart” by God? What must I know to also be a man after God’s heart in this day and time?

I. How Can Such A Sinner As King David Be A Man After God’s Heart?

A. In the quotation listed in Acts 13:22, we also have the statement, “Who will do all my will.” It is not uncommon for a person to question how a sinner could ever become a person after God’s heart and someone who would also do all of God’s will.

B. Let’s consider some facts connected to the story of King David:

1. He exhibited great faith in God from a young age! (I Samuel 17:45-47.)
2. He displayed great loyalty to his God! (I Samuel 24:4-7.)
3. David accepted full responsibility for his sin with Bathsheba and Uriah! (II Samuel 12:7-13.)
4. David also knew how to repent of his sins before God! (Psalms 51:11, 16, 17.)

C. The fact is clearly that King David sinned against God, but this wasn’t all there was to David and because God recognized this He took away David’s sin and David paid a dear price for the sins that he committed throughout his life! (II Samuel 12:13, 14.)

D. Where would any of us be if God still held our sins against us and did not ever forgive them?! (Luke 7:44-50.)

II. What Must We Know To Also Be A Person After God’s Heart?

- A. Like David, I must exhibit a great faith in God! (I Corinthians 2:5.)
- B. Like David, we must have a loyalty for our God that will stand in the midst of adversity! (Proverbs 20:6; Lamentations 3:22-24.)
- C. Like David, we must accept full responsibility for our sins and spend our lives performing deeds appropriate to repentance for them! (Acts 26:19, 20.)
- D. Like David, we must go after God’s heart with all of ours! (Matthew 22:37.)