



Honour part 3 – King David: a man of honour

1/ David honoured God

a) Through extreme dedication to worship

Psa. 9:1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm notes: A psalm to the tune – ‘The Death of the Son’.

b) Through ongoing gratitude

2Sam. 7:18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?”

c) To the point that he looked foolish

2Sam. 6: 21 And David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD (that I danced)- I will celebrate before the LORD. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honour.”

d) Through radical generosity to God's purposes

2Sam. 24:24 But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that **cost me nothing.**"

e) Even when God said 'no'

1Chr. 22:5 For David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David provided materials in great quantity before his death.

Qu: When God doesn't give you what you want, do you still honour him?

f) This heart of honour is what caused him to fight Goliath!

1 Samuel 17:26 For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

2/ David honoured (valued) himself

a) He understood that his value/honour came from God

Psa. 139:17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. When I awake, and I am still with you.

b) Even when his friends turned on him, he drew strength from God

1Sam. 30:6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

a) He didn't seek honour for himself

Even after Samuel had anointed him as King he waited for God's timing and did not seek to seize the throne.

3/ David honoured others

a) He honoured friends & their children

2Sam. 9:1 And David said, “Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

Qu – do you make cheap jokes at your friends’ expense?

b) He honoured those that God had chosen and God’s timing

1Sam. 24:6 He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’s anointed.”

c) He grieved when God’s chosen king was slain

2Sam. 1:11 Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. 12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

Prov. 24:17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the LORD see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.

We may hate the behaviour of our enemies but we must love and honour them!

d) He wasn’t afraid to challenge behaviour but still honoured

1Sam. 26:17 Saul recognized David’s voice and said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And David said, “It is my voice, my lord, O king.” 18 And he said, “Why does my lord pursue after his servant? For what have I done? What evil is on my hands?

....._Behold, as your life was precious this day in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the LORD, and may he deliver me out of all tribulation.”

People who give honour receive honour from God.

e) He created such a culture of honour that his men overtook him in honour

2Sam. 11:11 Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the

open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.”

f) A major failure was that David didn't discipline his children

a. Honour children's gifts, abilities and 'who they are'

b. Don't compare your children to each other – they are unique!

- Avoid over endorsement at the expense of other children.
Instead of 'you're the best' – 'you are brilliant at...'

c. Create a culture of honour in your family

(applaud, reward, adored)

d. Discipline behaviour whilst encouraging their identity

Not 'you're lazy' but 'come on, you can work really hard – what's holding you back?'

e. Honour publically – don't identify your children's faults in front of your friends even when your children are young.

f. Encourage dialogue but teach them respect.

'Your opinion matters to me but please don't speak to me in that tone – it's disrespectful'

(Number 1 factor why children become strong Christians is the ability of parents to discuss reasonably, dialogue openly and understand the child's world)

Psa. 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.