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AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

As we look at the life of David, from a boy shepherd to the King of Israel, we see something very significant. No matter the level of his life, he had a heart towards God.

After Saul was removed from being king, we learn from Acts 13:22 about David's relationship. It says, ***"And when he [God] had removed him [King Saul], he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.'"***

This scripture was a quote from 1 Samuel 13:14 where Samuel spoke to King Saul and said, ***"But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee."***

One that is after God's own heart is not free from making mistakes. David made many mistakes, but the difference between him and King Saul was a repentant heart. Saul played the blame game and did not repent before it was too late.

One that is in a constant state of repentance is a person that is seeking after God's own heart. This does not mean that you sorrow over your sin all day long. It means when you do sin, that your heart lets you know, and you immediately repent. No one is free of sin on this side of heaven. It is what we do about that sin that makes one after God's heart or not.

A continuous state of non-repentance will cause one's heart to become hardened, and if not dealt with, eventually it will not hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. We should remember that a heart towards God will always want God's will in their lives and that means to have a heart soft enough to receive correction.

I think one of David's greatest writings can be found in Psalm 51. Read it and you will see a man after God's own heart.