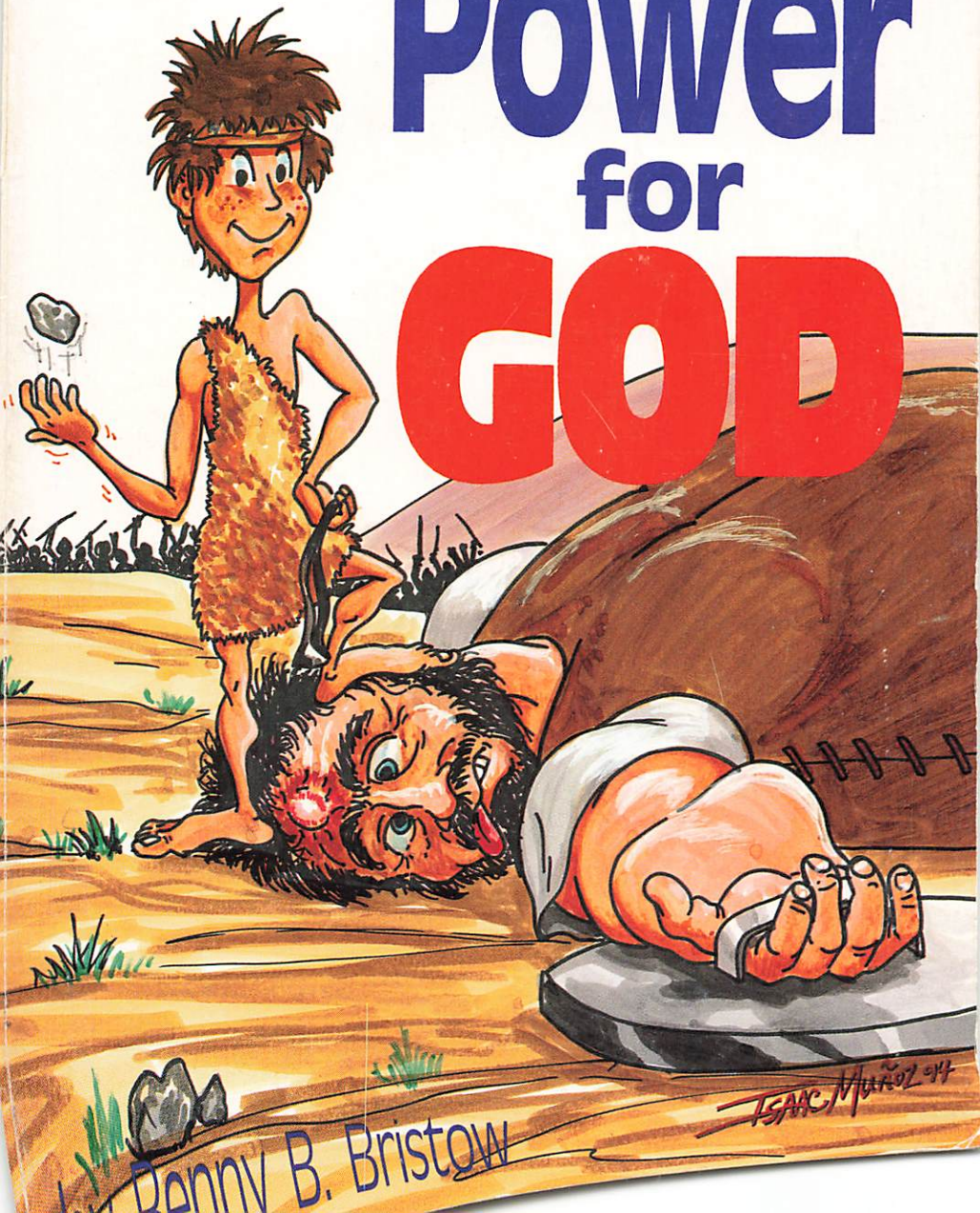


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# *Dedication*

**This book is dedicated with gratitude to all teachers of youth who have given their love, time, and energies to help develop young people into fine Christian men and women.**



# Foreword

Welcome to the book, "Youth Power For God." Be assured that the aim of this book is to bring a blessing to your life. It is true that many in the world where you live daily as young people, are not following God. You may have even felt at times that the only thing to do is to join them in their evil ways. Please do not come to this conclusion, because it is false. The true winners of youth are those who look to God for guidance.

God will help you and give you power to stand up for what is right. At the moment, your eyes may be blinded by the glitter of sin, but this will fade, and be assured that those who choose the road of sin, NEVER WIN!

Whether you choose to read this book individually, or with others in a youth class, it is hoped that you will read each chapter with a desire to follow God's pathway of doing right. Dare to be different! Stand up and be counted for God. Apply these lessons to your life and make a special effort to share them with others.

You have your life before you, and God will give you power to win if you will faithfully live for Him.

Whether you are a youth or a teacher of youth, thanks for choosing "Youth Power For God." Surely those who live and teach these principles from God's word will find joy in allowing God to guide them with power.

May the Lord keep you in His service always.

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## Chapter 1

# A Call To Be King

## 1 Samuel 16

### INTRODUCTION:

Some of the most exciting stories in the Bible are centered around the history of the kings. It is true that these kings were either good and faithful or extremely evil, and God responded to them as they ruled His people. The kings of the Bible were involved in battles of war, riches, sins of the flesh, and even in idolatry.

In this book, we wish to focus in on one of these kings, "David, the Sweet Singer of Israel." From the beginning, David was a great king! Yes, he had his moments when he was weak, but when his life is placed on God's scales of righteousness, he is designated as **"A man after God's own heart," (Acts 13:22)**. Let us begin by studying how David, a shepherd boy was anointed king of Israel.

### Call Him From the Fields

As the sun in the eastern horizon made known its brilliance over the valley of Bethlehem many years ago, it found a young shepherd boy watching his father's sheep. To David, this was just another day of work with the sheep, but God had different plans for him. May we leave David with his sheep for a few moments to learn what God was planning.

Saul was the king of God's people at this time. However, he had lived in disobedience, and in the eyes of the Lord, disobeying is wrong whether the guilty one is a beggar or king! Thus, Samuel, a great prophet of God, was instructed to anoint another king for Israel. His instructions were to visit the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite: **"For I have provided Myself a king among his sons" (v. 2). "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you" (vss. 2,3).** Even though Samuel feared King Saul, he feared the Lord even more, and he made haste to obey.

It must have been a thrill for Jesse to learn that one of his sons would be a king. Just imagine how these boys dressed themselves with the best clothing possible. In fact, they were dressed so well and appeared so strong and brave that it was no doubt difficult for Samuel to make a choice. Finally though, he looked upon Eliab and said, **"Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him" (v. 6).** However, the Lord said to Samuel, **"Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (v. 7).**

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| <p><b>LESSON:</b> At this point, Samuel was choosing based on his own feelings without the guidance of God. Remember, man's ways are not God's ways. It is certainly strange that Samuel, after being</p> |
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so deceived by Saul's countenance and stature, could be so forward to judge a man by this rule. When man chooses a king, he looks at his outward appearance, but God looks at his heart.

Have you ever neglected a certain classmate because he or she was not the most attractive, but later found them to be the best? Jesus was refused as king by many because He did not appear physically as they imagined, but truly He was the Son of God! Yes, the heart is what is most important. The apostle Peter expressed it in these words: **"But let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God" (1 Peter 3:4).**

After Eliab was refused, there appeared the other six who were present, but Samuel said very firmly that the Lord had not chosen them. This must have come as a great shock to Jesse, and he may have wondered if some mistake had been made. At this point, the prophet asked, **"Are all the young men here?" (v. 11).** Jesse must have felt that these were the most important ones, however, it was a fact that he had one other son in the field tending sheep. Therefore, after hearing about this last son, Samuel requested that he be brought to him at once. When David was called and made his appearance, surely it was a shock to imagine this young shepherd boy as a king. How is he described? He had a clear, fair complexion, a good eye, and a lovely face. The Lord immediately said, **"Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" (v. 12).** With this instruction from the Lord, **"Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and**

**the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward” (v. 13).**

**LESSON:** Notice that David was asked to appear for the purpose of being anointed. If we have the proper skills and abilities today, we do not have to go around boasting and telling others what we can do. Strength has a way of making itself known without the help of self-praise. David didn't even attend the feast, but he was still anointed king! Don't ever boast of your abilities, but rather show them by your life to others. The Bible teaches this principle--take a lower seat and then if you are worthy, you will be invited to a higher one. It is much easier to go upward when invited than to step downward when rejected. Let us spend our time **WORKING** and we will not be guilty of **BOASTING**. It has been said that *“Usually the greatest boasters are the smallest workers. The deep rivers pay a larger tribute to the sea than shallow brooks, and yet empty themselves with less noise”* (Secker).

The anointing of David as king was not at first made known to King Saul. The word of God tells us that the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul. Surely it was an empty feeling to loose the Spirit of God. It seems that any person (young or old) living without God does not have a special purpose for life! Saul had known the power of God guiding his steps, but now disobedience has brought him rejection and sorrow.

**LESSON:** God does not come down directly today as He did during the days of Saul, but He is still present in the hearts of His people. If God and His grace

do not rule us, sin and Satan will possess us, and will leave us torn without the favor of God. How can any accountable person live another day without obeying the commands of the Lord to become a Christian? How can a soul fall into the condition of King Saul and still be content?

Saul became so miserable that he needed a physician to help him during this time of emptiness and the loss of God. Even if he could have received modern medical attention, such would have been useless. To help him, it was recommended that he find a man who was a cunning player of the harp. Music is a wonderful therapy, but it will not answer God's command to repent. Saul needed to approach God to confess his sins before Him, and then the music would have helped him to rejoice that he had returned to God.

David was known for his ability to play the harp, and thus was chosen as the one to cheer the king. By the guidance of God, David accepted the task of trying to please the king. This gave him the opportunity to learn the palace and to get a taste of his approaching position as God's ruling king.

**LESSON:** Music is a wonderful art, but it will not do the impossible. It will cheer a saddened heart when all seems gray, it will help us face many problems from day to day, but God never intended for it to forgive the sinner from the error of his way. Forgiveness must come through obedience and then music will help keep our hearts free from despair. In the spiritual realm, we can lift our voices in praise to God through singing. In our daily lives (apart from



worship) we can enjoy good, clean music as great musicians play. However, our whole lives become rich and complete, only with God!

*Of all the arts beneath the heaven,  
That man has found or God has given,  
None draws the soul so sweet away;  
As music's melting, mystic lay;  
Slight emblem of the bliss above,  
It soothes the spirit all to love.*

(Hogg).

Music certainly had its place in David's time, but it would not bring Saul back to his God. First become Christians and then enjoy the heart cheering art of music. As David's skillful fingers danced across the strings of the harp, Saul was temporarily relieved of distress, but he needed to be relieved permanently of a rebelling heart toward God! However, David found favor in the eyes of this evil man, and King Saul was (at least for a time) refreshed by his presence.

## Chapter 2

# The Winner By a Knockout

### 1 Samuel 17

At the conclusion of spending some time with Saul as his harp player, David returned to his father's house to herd sheep. He was still but a youth, but he had the trust, faith, and determination of many adults. At the time of this lesson, war had broken out between Israel (God's people) and the Philistines. Even though Saul had lost favor in the eyes of God, he was still leading God's army. Three of David's brothers, Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah, joined Saul's army to fight the Philistines, but David was too young and stayed at home to tend the flock of his father.

After the Philistines and Israel had prepared forty days for battle, Jesse sent David to the camp of Israel to take his brothers some parched corn, ten loaves of bread, and ten cheeses. David got up early in the morning to do his work.

**LESSON:** When there is a job to be done, we should get up early and apply ourselves. Laziness can become a disease that makes us truly failures. When daylight begins hiding the dark shadows of night, God's little feathered creatures begin their singing and work. We need to do the same. There is something refreshing and inspiring about the smell of the early morning dew.

When David reached the battlefield, he immediately heard that God's army was being defied by a so-called champion, Goliath. He was a giant approximately eleven feet tall. He was dressed in an armor of protection which would shield him from any ordinary man. These startling facts, I'm sure, kept any soldier of Israel from accepting the challenge. The giant would cry out, **"Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants"** (vss. 8,9). However, even at his appearance, Saul's men would run. David could not understand their actions because they were on God's side, and David knew that God would help this army (with Saul) to win.

**LESSON:** Too often we try to solve our problems without considering God and His power. Remember, nothing (within God's will) is impossible with God! David knew that God would help Saul and this army win.

When David's oldest brother heard how David was talking, his jealousy was kindled. He began mocking David, even though David had been kind, and had carried a load of food for his brothers. Eliab accused him of coming there only to see the battle. He emphasized to all who would listen that David was only a little shepherd boy.

**LESSON:** One of the problems that parents face is to help their children get along with each other. The older should be made to realize that the younger are looking to them for guidance. Brothers and sisters can be very cruel to each other, but usually they object when others are cruel. They usually fight for each other.

Word finally reached Saul of what David was saying and Saul sent for him to appear. David immediately asked for permission to meet the Giant in combat. Saul's first objection rested on the fact that David was only a youth. Saul failed to realize that youth can do great things when God is on their side. Therefore, David informed Saul of how a bear and lion entered the sheep one time and he was able to slay both of them. He also pointed out that the same power that permitted this success would give him victory in slaying the Giant. Saul said to David, **"Go, and the Lord be with you!" (v. 37).**

Saul provided David with an armor, but David refused to use it. It appears that he wanted to meet the giant with the same armor that he had used when meeting the bear and lion. Thus, with a staff in his hand, five smooth stones from the brook, and a sling, he was arrayed for battle.

**LESSON:** That which was so small and insignificant became strong and effective when used for God. We may not have talents to compare with an outstanding preacher, song director, or Bible teacher, but we can still do wonders for God. Our talents, though

small as David's weapons, can lead thousands to Christ. Instead of complaining about how weak we are, let us use our strength to do as much good as possible. You will be surprised at the results!

The giant was humiliated when he saw David and said, **"Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" (v. 43).** Then he began cursing David by his gods. After this cursing, Goliath said, **"Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" (v. 44).** However, this did not frighten David. He just assured the giant that Jehovah would help him kill him that day. **"This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you" (v. 46).**

As they walked closer to each other, David reached into the bag where he carried the stones, took a stone, and placed it in his sling. With a few whirls he turned the stone loose and buried it in the forehead of the giant. Although he had stood tall and had boasted loudly, he fell tumbling to the earth. David ran and stood upon the Philistine, removed Goliath's sword, and cut off the giant's head. Therefore, by the help of God, a large army was defeated and a young shepherd boy became a hero.

**LESSON:** Sometimes adults make youth feel that God does not have a full time place for them in His work until they are older. We often speak of youth being the church of tomorrow. This is true, but isn't it also true that older youth must be a part of the church today? When young people reach the age of

accountability, they need to become workers for Jesus! They need to do as David, begin helping with the work of the Lord. Youth can learn how to help with the singing, Lord's Supper, bulletin, passing out tracts, visiting the sick, and praying. Many adults are lazy in the church today because they were taught the pattern of "do-nothing" while young. Youth needs to be given work, to be guided, and then like David they can become heroes in the Lord's army.

## Chapter 3

# Run For Your Life

### 1 Samuel, 18 - 31

It is natural that David became a hero after slaying Goliath. He had stepped into the shoes of the king and had performed an essential duty for the saving of Israel. It could have been a temptation for David to become conceited, but this was not the case. He still looked to Saul as his earthly master and king even though the people praised David more highly than Saul. When David and Saul returned from slaying the Philistines, the women danced, sang, and played instruments of music as they passed by. While doing this they compared Saul to David by saying, **“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands” (18:7)**. Even though David did not have anything to do with such, from this point forward, Saul began hating David.

**LESSON:** Many times, people suffer because of things they cannot help. Have you ever been guilty of mocking people who have physical handicaps or who have a different color skin? This is very wrong! In the old West, some people hated all Indians because some Indians were evil. David wanted to be a friend to Saul, but Saul would not permit it.

A short time later, Saul and David were sitting together as David played the harp. An evil spirit



entered Saul and he threw a spear at him and said, **“I will pin David to the wall with it” (18:11)**. This happened twice, but David managed to avoid being harmed each time.

Another attempt on David's life came when Saul plotted to make David think he was his friend by offering Michal, his daughter, to David for wife. Of course, the daughter was not given without risking David's life. He was to pay Saul **“one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies” (18:25)**. Saul thought David would be killed in carrying out this assignment, but he was wrong. Instead of one hundred, David presented to Saul two hundred without any harm to himself from the battle. Thus, David became a son-in-law to Saul.

## **A True Friend**

David had one true friend, Jonathan the son of Saul, and when his father plotted to kill David, Jonathan warned him. He even convinced his father on one occasion not to seek the life of David since he had saved Israel by slaying the giant, but Saul soon broke his promise and began seeking David as before. It is also interesting to note that David's wife (Michal) helped him escape the slaying hand of Saul by letting him down through a window, and by making an image to place in her husband's bed **(19:11-16)**. When Saul's men came to capture him, she told them he was sick. Later, they took the image from his bed to Saul and he was angry with his daughter for allowing David, his enemy, to escape. However, she told her father, **“He said to me, ‘Let me go! Why should I kill you?’”**

**(19:17).** Still, Saul must have known that his daughter was against him.

A few days later Jonathan made a plan with David wherein he could let him know when his father was angry or peaceful. The plan was for David to hide near a place where Jonathan would shoot three arrows as though target practicing. He would bring a lad with him to go after the arrows. If he shot the arrows beyond to the extent that he would tell the lad, **“Look, the arrows are beyond you,”** then his father was angry. If he would say, **“Look, the arrows are on this side of you; get them and come,”** his father would be peaceful **(20:20-23)**. After Saul attempted to slay Jonathan because of his concern for David, the arrow message was for David to run from the anger of his father.

**LESSON:** A good loyal friend is like a precious jewel. He or she will stand by you when your life is bright or when things go wrong. Jonathan helped his friend David in so many ways. Solomon wrote, **“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24).**

To show you how much Saul wanted to slay David, he had Ahimelech, a priest, and many other priests slain, because he (Ahimelech) gave to David bread and the sword of Goliath. Saul had an evil servant, Doeg, and he said to him, **“You turn and kill the priests! So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod” (22:18).**

**LESSON:** Hatred and jealousy can eat our hearts away, and they will grow if we allow such. Therefore, when you are tempted to carry a grudge, stop and remember Saul. It was disobedience, hatred, and jealousy that destroyed him and all of his hopes for the future.

The next time Saul and David came together was in a cave. David slipped close enough to Saul to cut off the corner of his robe without him knowing it. However, later, David's conscience began to pain him, and he followed Saul from a distance and cried out to the king that he could have slain him, but he did not. David tried hard to convince Saul that he had no evil in his heart toward him. Saul pretended to become friends to David, but it was ONLY pretense!

## **David Marries Abigail**

There was a woman named Abigail who was married to an evil man named Nabal. David asked a favor of him, but he refused. Therefore, David considered slaying him, but Abigail helped him see that this would be wrong. However, after a few days God struck Nabal with death, and David then married Abigail.

## **Hatred Continued**

Saul could not forget his hate for David and began once again seeking his life. David found Saul and his army camped and sound asleep. He slipped near Saul,

took his sword and a jug of water, but again spared his life. The next morning David cried to him from a distance and told him what he had done. Once again, Saul promised not to seek his life.

However, Saul was now becoming more restless as his days drew nearer to death. He was even able to talk to Samuel from the dead, but he did not receive any peace of mind. Finally the Philistines in battle, shot him several times with arrows. Then Saul asked his armorbearer to use the sword on him, but he was afraid and at this point, refused. Saul took matters into his own hands. Since he was not content to live longer, he fell on his own sword to end his life.

**LESSON:** This lesson shows what happens to those who lead a life of sin. Instead of Saul dying as a great hero for God, he took his own life because of physical pain and a lack of vision to live. How unlike the man David whom he had tried so hard to kill.

David was able to write: **“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23).**

## Chapter 4

# The Thrill of the Moment

### 2 Samuel 11; 12:1-11

David, like the apostle Peter, had a dark shadow of weakness to come over his life. He had won victory after victory for the Lord against the Philistines and other nations, but when the soft voice of temptation whispered in David's ear, he listened and yielded! He became guilty of adultery, deceit, and murder.

**LESSON:** Although we may feel that we are the strongest among God's people, we are constantly in danger of falling. Sin has a way of slipping upon us while we are spiritually sleeping. After David's record of faithfulness, who would imagine him leaving the Lord's will? Thus, we should be reminded of our continual need to be on guard against Satan. **"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).**

There are several steps leading to the actual sins committed by David. In **2 Samuel 11:1**, the record speaks of a **"time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; but David remained at Jerusalem."** David was neglecting his king's business. Instead of being in battle, he remained in Jerusalem! If he had been busy, this temptation would not have presented itself. It seems that David was taking a nap for the text says, **"Then it happened one evening**

that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold" (11:2).

**LESSON:** We need to keep ourselves engaged in some useful activity. It is a fact that an idle mind is the devil's workshop! David had dozed away the evening in idleness when he should have been working. *"Idleness gives great advantage to the tempter."* *"Standing waters gather filth."* *"The bed of sloth often proves the bed of lust."* At least, this seems to be the experience of David.

When David saw this beautiful woman, he desired her. Like the sin of Eve, this lust was perceived through his eyes. He wrote among his psalms, **"Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things"** (Psalm 119:37). However, on this evening, he lusted for sin that would reflect on his faithfulness to God. He gave in to the desires of the flesh, and laid aside the reasoning and wisdom that he knew should be practiced.

He first inquired as to her identity. He possibly thought she might be single and he would seek to marry her. This would have allowed him to fulfill his desires without committing the sin of adultery.

**LESSON:** This would not have been the proper basis for marriage, and neither is it the right basis today. Two people should never marry just because they are physically attracted to each other. Yes, this is



important in marriage, but marriage is a lifetime contract and must have as its foundation love and respect. Physical desires for the opposite sex cannot (by itself) hold a couple together. It takes a love of sharing and concern, then all other things will find their places.

When David learned that she was married to Uriah the Hittite, it seems that his desire for her increased. The knowledge of her marriage should have ended his thoughts for her, but he refused to keep his desires under control. The best way to deal with a temptation for an affair is to never begin such. It is so foolish to believe that it is all right to begin an evil relationship and end it later. It is wrong to think JUST of the moment! Only the Lord knows how many hearts have been crushed and how many tears shed over following this thinking!

The question might be asked, "Did David plan to commit adultery from the beginning or did he first intend just to meet her and to enjoy her company?" The Bible does not reveal all of his thoughts, however, keep in mind that this whole experience began by him seeing her bathing, and evidently desiring her. Even if he planned not to get totally involved, he still acted unwisely!

**LESSON:** In fact, this is the way so many think today, and such thinking often leads to sin. We should never see how close we can get to sin without committing it. **"Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He**

**will draw near to you” (James 4:7,8).** We so often think differently from normal when temptation has us under its spell. We should never engage in things that have a tendency to lead us into sin. Let us draw a line far away from the danger mark, keeping our morals high, and we will never regret doing so. Let people call us different, for Christians are different in the way they conduct their lives. If David had worked to keep himself away from temptation, he could have avoided this and many other sins.

David sent for Bathsheba to be brought into his presence, and the sin of adultery was committed. Bathsheba probably consented readily to this sin because David was a great man who had a ruling hand over God’s people. However, neither David nor Bathsheba had the right to involve themselves in fleshly practices regardless of the circumstances.

**LESSON:** So many women and young girls go wrong because they gain confidence in the one they are seeing. Although a man is from a Christian family, noted for doing right, and even though he promises to marry in the future, purity and Christian principles should never be surrendered. In fact, a man needs a woman to help him remain strong just as a woman needs help from the man. Sin is dangerous and one shows great wisdom when able to reject its power. The foolish gnat flies with its wings and fools away its life at last, by playing about the candle.

In Chapter 5, we will look closely at the consequences of the sins of David and how they affected his life and the lives of others.

## Chapter 5

# The Bitter Fruit

### 2 Samuel 11; 12:1-11

The sin of adultery not only involved David, but also caused Bathsheba to sin. They both became unfaithful to her husband who was away in battle to protect their lives.

This sin might have been kept a secret from the people, (never from God) but Bathsheba conceived and sent the following message to David; **“I am with child” (11:5)**. David sent for her husband with the evil scheme of getting him to return home so it would appear that the child would be Uriah’s instead of David’s. However, Uriah refused to enjoy the comforts of home while his fellow-soldiers were sleeping and fighting in the fields.

When this was unsuccessful, David called him to appear so that he could drink before him with the purpose of getting him drunk. This failed because Uriah still did not return to his wife. Therefore, David thought there was only one other thing left to do. He sent a letter to Joab (by the hand of Uriah) saying, **“Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die” (11:15)**. Thus, it was done and Uriah was killed. A few days later, David took Bathsheba for his wife and then some time later she

gave birth to a son. **“But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord” (11:27).**

**LESSON:** Did you notice how one sin led to another? After adultery was committed, there followed deception, drunkenness, and finally murder. Is this the man whose heart troubled him because he cut off Saul's skirt? Is this he who executed judgment and justice to all his people? Yes, but how much he has changed! This is proof that we should never surrender our lives to sin. Sin is like a chain made up of many links that grows to become longer and stronger in our lives until it is very difficult to stop or break.

Once these sins were committed, David thought all was going well. He must have deceived himself in believing that God had approved. After all, he was the king of Israel and Uriah only a soldier. Nothing is indicated from the text that he felt any guilt. How will God convince David that he has done wrong? God chose one of His outstanding prophets, Nathan, to show David his sins. How did Nathan convince him? Did he approach him and say, “David, you were wrong in having Uriah put to death and in taking his wife? No, David would have defended his actions.

Nathan approached David and told him a story. **“There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and**

lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him" (12:1-3). Nathan continues the story by telling of a visitor who came to the house of the rich man. To prepare a meal for his guest, instead of getting a lamb from his own flock, the rich man took the poor man's lamb, slew it, and prepared it.

"Then David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.' Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man"(12:5-7).

**LESSON:** It is so easy to see the faults of others, but often difficult to see our own. When we look at our lives and the lives of others through binoculars, we see things differently. For example, when looking at others, we turn the binoculars so that everything is magnified, but when looking at our own faults, we turn them so that all is made smaller. David had overlooked the magnitude of his sins, but could see the wrong of this rich man who stole his neighbor's lamb.

After Nathan told David he was the man, he backed up his accusation with these words: "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you

**much more! Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon” (12:7-9).**

How guilty David must have felt after hearing these words from God! He must have remembered them the rest of his life. In fact, many of the psalms written by this sweet singer of Israel reflect the sadness and repentance he felt in his heart.

**LESSON:** When you do wrong, do you feel guilty? We should, and then make every effort to make things right. It is so dangerous to harden our hearts to the point that we feel no guilt from sin. Committing sin is a serious thing, and must be made right with God. Therefore, keep a tender heart that feels guilt and longs to be forgiven when sin is committed.

At this point, David confessed to Nathan, **“I have sinned against the Lord: (12:13).** Nathan responded with a message from God: **“The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die” (12:13,14).**

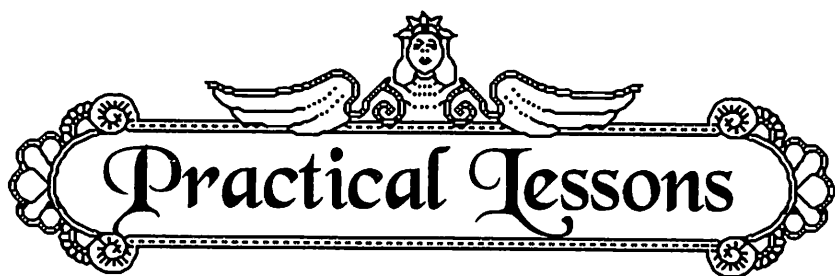
Nathan had delivered a true message from God. For the son died just as he had foretold, but through deep repentance and prayer, David was able to live a profitable and useful life before God. He learned many

lessons from his mistakes, and seemed to try harder to live closer to God.

**LESSON:** As we live daily, we are also tempted to sin. It may or may not be the same temptations of David, but the principles are the same. We need to recognize that we have sinned, make them right with God, and then learn from our failures. God not only forgives, but He also gives us strength to grow stronger if we are His children.

It is hoped that your life will be enriched by the studying of this great king, David. Remember, God blessed David when he did right, and punished him when he did wrong. Why not resolve to be a faithful Christian and always try to please God as long as you live!





Practical Lessons

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## **Chapter 6**

### **Practical Lesson - 1**

# **Anyone For Basketball?**

Our practical story today is about a young man named Ted. Let me first tell you something about him. Ted was reared on a farm and had learned at a very early age to appreciate nature. This experience, along with his faithfulness to attend Bible classes and worship, had developed him into a good Christian. In many ways, Ted was not like the other youth at school. He was not boisterous and outgoing, but inside he had deep feelings for being successful, having friends, and doing right. As a general rule, he got along with others and made good grades, but the majority seemed to ignore him. This bothered Ted, but he did not allow such to keep him from doing his work well and always trying to do right.

Because the others left him out of most activities, Ted just went home, did his work, and then spent the rest of his time practicing basketball. He had a dirt court and the hoop didn't have a net, but he learned to make a goal with most of his shots. In the back of his mind, he hoped someday to play on Bradford High's team and help win games for his school.

## **Ted Joins The Ball Team**

In his Sophomore year, Ted decided to go out for basketball. He was sorry that he had allowed the influence of others to keep him from the game during

his freshmen year, but now (he told himself) things are going to be different. They may not have anything to do with me as a person, but maybe they will like my ball playing.

The first two weeks of practice got underway and Ted enjoyed the many hours of running, practice games, and shooting fowl shots. Even though he was doing well, he felt the same old feelings of being left out of the crowd. When practice was over, the other boys would group together or go somewhere together, but they completely ignored him. Yes, this was difficult, but Ted was enjoying the game so much that he tried to ignore the others.

Even Coach Beard seemed to favor the other players. He was not unkind to Ted, but he seemed to make a point of ignoring him. As they made their final preparations to play their first game, the coach called them together for a pep-talk! They were playing Leighton High, a school noted for the best ball team in the County. The coach began, "Now fellows, we have been given the toughest team in the County for our first game, but we don't need to let this scare us! We are all charged up with this being our first game, and maybe this is the best time to meet them. Just think of how this will help us with all other games when we beat them. So we want to stop all this talk about getting beat by this good team. Let's start talking about winning! To do this, we must forget all personal feelings and think about what is best for the team. We have fifteen boys on this team, and all of you have good qualities. However, I will be choosing only five as starters. Those of you who are not chosen as starters

are still of great value. So boys, let's all pull together as a team and play the kind of ball I know you are capable of playing."

One by one Coach Beard called out the five starting players and Ted was not one of them. In his heart, Ted knew that he could help his team, but the decision for him to play had to come from the coach. Some of the boys were angry and said some bad words when they were not chosen, but Ted continued his happy disposition. After the pep-talk, he practiced just as hard and faithful as before. He tried to keep his Christian disposition even though some of the soreheads were rude and threw the ball to him hard. He told himself, "I must do right and God will see that all goes well for me!"

## **The First Game**

The night of the game arrived and the gym was packed with noisy fans from both schools. As Ted and his team ran out on the court for warm up, there was a roar that made them feel like winners. In a few minutes, they were all running full speed getting ready for the game to begin.

Finally, Coach Beard gave the team their instructions on how to set up their defense against this strong team. With the sound of the buzzer, they ran out to meet their opponents as Ted and the others sat on the bench. It was plain for all to see that most of those on the bench were all puffed up and angry because they were not chosen. However, Ted

continually cheered on his players as the game moved forward.

The first half was a real battle between these two teams. It would look as though one was going to get out front, but the other team would come back. During half-time, Coach Beard pointed out all the weak points in their offense as well as defense. His biggest complaint was that they were not playing as one. He accused one of his players of trying to be a one man ball team. In fact, he warned that if he didn't start passing the ball more and playing with the others he would find himself sitting on the bench.

The second half got underway and slowly Bradford High was dropping behind. This one man team player continued to do as he pleased and shot when other players were in a better position. To make it worse, he began missing most of his shots. Ted could tell that the coach was boiling because of this. He kept looking down the bench as though he was thinking about sending in a substitute.

As Coach Beard looked at his bench, he saw most of the boys with disappointment and anger on their faces--that is, all except Ted. He was cheering and encouraging as though he was playing the game. All of a sudden, the whole bench came alive when the coach hollered, "Ted, I want you to go in for Jim Kelly. Ted's heart began to race and he could not believe what he was hearing. The other players on the bench began to whisper to each other as though they thought the coach had lost his mind.

At the next whistle, Ted ran in as a substitute. The players could not believe that the coach had chosen Ted. In fact, the captain of the team immediately called time out--they wanted to talk with the coach. As the team approached him they asked, "Why did you send in Ted?" Coach Beard said, "Fellows, you let me do the coaching and you do the playing. For your information, Ted is the only one on this bench with the right attitude. He has had his heart in this game from the beginning. You fellows get out there and play as a team! We've got to turn this thing around fast!"

With doubt on their faces, they slowly turned and resumed the game. At first Ted was somewhat nervous, but in a few moments he felt that he was back on the farm with his practice goal. Since he was smaller than most on the team, he was able to get free to shoot. At first they were hesitant to throw him the ball, but each time Ted shot, he found only the net. The crowd roared and the other team doubled up on Ted. When they did, they began fowling him, but at the fowl line, he continued to add up the score.

Finally, with only 10 seconds left on the clock, Bradford High was one point behind. Since it was their ball, they called time out to discuss the final play with Coach Beard. At this point, the team got the second major shock of the game. His instructions, "Throw the ball in to Ted and let him shoot!" The captain asked, "Coach, are you sure? He's the last one we would choose to do this?" The coach asked, "Fellows, who brought us from behind when we were losing this game?" Four weak voices said, "Ted!" "Then, let's get out there and win this game as I suggested."

As they returned to the game, Ted whispered a little prayer, "Lord, help me to do my best!" A few moments later the ball was thrown into Ted's hands, and in a flash, he shot it into the air. The crowd waited to see what would happen. Just as Ted had made his practice goals on the farm so many times, the ball made a ripping sound through the net and the game was won!

For the first time in Ted's life, his school mates recognized him as someone special and considered him as a part of the school.

Many had looked at Ted only from his outward appearance without knowing him as a real person. Once they saw him for who he was and realized that he wanted to do right and loved his school, he became a new individual.

Like David who was the least expected to be anointed king but became the greatest, Ted, who was considered the least on his team, became their star player. Remember, when we do our best with God's help, we become winners!

## **Chapter 7**

### **Practical Lesson - 2**

## **Winning a Real Victory**

In our last lesson, we found Ted a hero after helping win a very important basketball game. From that time forward, he was accepted and was considered very valuable to his team. They lost some games, but they were able to win the majority, and this allowed them to play in several tournaments in the State.

Today we follow Ted as he and the team travel several miles away from home to play three important games. They were scheduled to begin on Monday evening and to conclude with the last game on Wednesday. All went well for Ted on Monday and Tuesday as far as the games were concerned. However, with his new popularity there were more temptations.

### **The First Test**

On Tuesday evening after the game, several boys on the team announced that they wanted to go out and celebrate. Ted questioned them somewhat to see if he should go. They assured him that they just wanted to go out for a few laughs and they really wanted him to go. With some hesitancy, he decided to go with them. After all, they were his friends and had gone all out to accept him. Why shouldn't he meet them half way!

Shortly after they arrived, Ted realized that they sold beer at this place. He thought, maybe they have no intentions to drink. After all, Coach Beard would not



allow it, and some of them claimed some form of religion. However, it was not long until Ted realized that he was wrong. Not only did they order beer for themselves, but began insisting that Ted join them.

He told them that he did not like beer. After saying this, Ted asked himself, "Why didn't I tell them that I believe drinking is a sin?" He knew the answer, but hated to admit it. He wanted to get along with the boys, and it was difficult to stand alone when others were doing it. This answer did not satisfy them. They insisted, "Come on, we didn't like it at first, but now it is good. Besides, it will make you feel good. You need to loosen up and laugh a little. Don't you know that one beer won't hurt you!"

Ted found himself being tempted to go along with them. Then he remembered a lesson in Bible study that the teenage class studied a few Sundays ago. It was about David facing the giant when Saul and his army were afraid. He was mocked for wanting to be different, but he still stood up and with God's help faced the enemy. Memories of this lesson helped Ted to gain courage. Yes, he wanted to get along with his team mates, but more importantly, he wanted to be right with God.

Therefore, when a second plea was made for him to take his first drink, Ted replied, "Fellows, I would like to tell you the real reason why I'm refusing to drink with you. You see, I'm a Christian and I believe that drinking alcohol which can make one intoxicated is a sin. Most people who get drunk started out with one beer thinking there would be no harm. Most alcoholics

will tell you that they started out with just one beer. I'm saying, no, not just to be different, but because I want to do what is right."

All of a sudden, all the fellows got quiet as they thought about what he was saying. Jim spoke up and said, "Ted, I'm sure you are right and I've felt guilty many times about drinking, but I've never been man enough to stand up and say no as you have." Then he turned to the others, "How about us going to the ice cream place and getting something that all can enjoy. This would please the coach, and after all, we have an important game tomorrow night."

Some complained a little, but finally agreed and (to their surprise) they still had an enjoyable evening together. Without doubt, they respected Ted more than ever before. They now knew for sure that his religion was for real and not just a show.

When Ted got to bed that evening, he was so thrilled that he was able to stand up for his convictions. Fear swept over him when he thought of how close he came to giving in and yielding. Since he was physically tired and his mind was peaceful, he had no problem falling asleep.

Wednesday was filled with a practice when other games were not scheduled, and a meeting with Coach Beard. He really wanted to win this tournament and told the boys that if they play the kind of ball they are capable of playing, they would take home the trophy! He thanked them for abiding by the rules and for getting in bed at a decent hour. When he said this, the other players turned and smiled at Ted.

## **The Second Test**

Their final game would be played at 8:30 p.m. that Wednesday evening. At this point, Ted began thinking about whether or not he should attend Wednesday night Bible class. One part of him said, "You need to attend," but the other part said, "What's the big deal, you are away from home, and if you go it will rush you to get dressed for the game!" The debate went on in his mind for some time. Finally, he thought, "I've had all these hours for other things, surely I can give one hour to Bible study." Then came the voice, "But what will the fellows think? Will they think I'm some kind of nut?" To this he thought, "Who am I trying to please, them or God?"

Therefore, he announced to the others that he would be going to Wednesday night Bible study before the game. Jack asked, "Are you sure that you have to do this?" Ted replied, "It's not that I have to go, but I want to go. I need to think about spiritual things. I need to go." John spoke up and asked, "Would you mind me going with you?" This was a surprise, but Ted answered, "No, I wouldn't mind, in fact I'd be glad for you to go." Turning to the others, he asked, "Would you fellows like to go too?" They looked at each other as each waited for the other to answer. Ted continued, "You don't have anything to do before the game, do you?" They agreed that they didn't. Finally, Jim said, "I think I'd like to go." With this statement, all joined in and said they would like to go.

As they were leaving the gym they met Coach Beard. He stopped them and asked, "Just where do you fellows think you are going?" Jack answered, "Coach, we are going to church!" With wide eyes, the coach asked, "You are going where?" Jim spoke up, "We are going to church with Ted, but we'll be back in time to get dressed." As they moved on, the coach just stood and stared as they disappeared. He wondered if he was just hearing and seeing things that were not there!

Once they got to the church building, it was time to go to classes. They were introduced to Don, the teacher for the teens, and he invited them to join him and the other teens in Bible study. That evening they were studying the temptations of Jesus. Don had a chart on the chalk board and he very effectively applied the temptations of Jesus to our temptations today. As Ted sat quietly and listened, he realized that he had been going through some of the same type of temptations faced by Jesus. In fact, Don quoted the scripture which states that Jesus was tempted in all points as we are tempted, yet He was without sin (**Hebrews 4:15**).

The team became so interested in the class that it was hard to realize that it was time to rush to the gym for the game. As they drove back to the gym, some expressed how much they had enjoyed the class. Ted felt good inside when they thanked him for letting them go with him.

## **The Game**

As the coach had predicted, it was a tough game, but Ted and team seemed to be closer than they had ever been before. They shared the ball and looked for the open man rather than taking all the shots themselves. Even Jim made a special effort to consider the others. The game stayed tight until the last two minutes, and the Bradford High team got hot with their shots and won the game by eight points. Needless to say, the coach was pleased with his boys, as he later expressed, "Not only was I pleased with the way you played ball, but also the way you conducted yourselves."

When Ted arrived back home, he thought that maybe he knew a little about how David felt when, with God's help, he slew the giant and won the battle. Ted had won some important battles in his life by standing up faithfully for Jesus. Like Ted, we can win these same kind of victories if we will only make up our minds to stand up for our convictions even if the whole world is against us!

## **Chapter 8**

### **Practical Lesson - 3**

# **TED FACES AN ENEMY**

Ted closed out his Sophomore year with good grades and a wonderful year of basketball. In fact, he was recognized by his schoolmates as one of their stars as well as a fine Christian young man. There were times when Ted let this go to his head, but then he would stop and talk to himself. He would remember the many lessons he had learned in Bible study. Unless Ted was ill, he never missed a class. On three occasions, Ted had been asked to teach the class when Nathan was out of town. Therefore, with a few minutes of reflection, he would get himself under control.

One of the things that Ted had was a healthy body. He had been taught that his body (as a Christian) belonged to God, and he felt the need to care for it. Perhaps this was one of the things that made it easier to say no to smoking, drugs, and drinking. Some of his classmates battled these problems every week, but Ted thanked God daily that he never got involved in these.

### **The Summer**

During the summer, Ted enjoyed hard work on the farm. Except for those extremely hot days, he tried to practice at his basketball goal at least one hour each day; he wanted to stay in shape for the coming season. Also, he gave as much time as possible to the church and was involved in various works. Ted would begin his junior year, and since he was older and more mature in

his thinking, he hoped to accomplish greater things in school and basketball.

The weeks went by fast, and it was hard to believe that he and his friends were all back in school. Coach Beard asked the boys to begin their daily practice in the gym. He especially wanted them to get involved in practice games to get the feel of competing against other teams. Therefore, each week found Ted and the other boys playing hard to win.

A new boy had moved to town and enrolled at Bradford High for his senior year. When he went out for basketball, some of the boys said that he looked like a football player. Also, he didn't have good manners, and was often rude to the boys. Ted thought that they just didn't understand him, so he made a special effort to be his friend. However, the more Ted tried to be friendly, the more Chuck pulled away. After several insults, Ted backed away for he could not force his friendship on him.

## **An Enemy Develops**

Even though Ted had learned to say no to smoking, drugs, and drinking, he still had problems controlling his temper. Most of the time he was able to get things under control, especially if he had time to think. However, on this particular day, Ted was faced with a temptation that came without warning.

During a practice game, Ted was guarding Chuck, and after a few minutes into the game, Chuck began to elbow Ted. At first Ted was able to overlook this thinking that maybe it wasn't intentional. However,

after the third elbow landed in Ted's face accompanied by Chuck's guilty grin, Ted knew he was planning each attack. In a flash, Ted hit Chuck a forceful blow in his stomach with his fist. The next few minutes found Chuck lying on the floor trying to catch his breath as Coach Beard walked briskly toward them. Just as Ted was ready to take the blame and explain everything to the coach, Chuck spoke up and said, "It was Ted! He couldn't stand for me to make so many points and he slugged me in the stomach!"

All eyes turned toward Ted as the coach asked, "Ted, did you hit Chuck?" "Yes Sir, but..." The coach interrupted, "No buts about it! Ted, you are off the team for one week and you will have to stay one hour after school and work for a full week." Ted tried to tell his side, but Chuck could lie faster than he could tell the truth. He didn't mind so much staying the hour after school and being off the team for a week, but it hurt Ted deeply to be falsely accused. Ted admitted that he was wrong in hitting Chuck, even though Chuck had wronged him, but for all to believe that Chuck was innocent, made it even more difficult.

Ted went home and told the whole story to his parents, and that night during the family devotional, he led the prayer and asked God to forgive him. The next day, Ted went to Chuck and made an effort to apologize for losing his temper, but Chuck came out with a bad word and said, "What are you trying to do, good boy, ease your conscience? You always think that being a good fellow will solve everything. Well, let's see you get out of this, because I won't forgive you." Then as he left, he gave Ted a shove.



At this point, Ted used all the inner strength he had to hold his temper. With a whisper he said, "If it were not wrong, I would like to mash your head in!" But he didn't, and after cooling off, Ted was thankful that he let him go without doing him wrong. As Ted walked away, he thought, "It must have been a painful thing for Jesus to forgive his enemies!"

## **A Cold Winter**

The winter had been extra cold with several inches of snow that continued into March. In fact, outside work had been almost impossible, and several families were reported out of food. Ted's father had spent their extra cash for hay since the winter grazing had been so often covered with snow.

One morning Chuck Avis did not come to school, and the report was that his family was out of work and food. Ted was tempted to say, "Chuck is getting what he deserves," but he couldn't go against all he had learned from the Bible. So, he just pushed the thought aside by thinking, "Someone will help them!"

That Wednesday night, Nathan chose **Romans 12** for their devotional reading. Ted listened at these words: **"Therefore if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."** Ted raised his hand, "Nathan, I heard today that one of my classmates, Chuck Avis and family are out of work and food, and I think someone ought to help them.

Maybe I should, but you just don't know how much wrong Chuck has done to me. And besides, if I were hungry, he would probably walk away and let me starve."

Nathan closed the Bible, came around and sat on the corner of the desk and said, "Ted, this is something you will have to decide for yourself. You have been taught many things about Christianity and the example of Jesus, but you are the one who must decide whether or not to apply it. Before you make your decision, let me remind you of one thing. Jesus gave His life for the ones who were crucifying Him, and prayed while in pain, **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do"** (Luke 23:34). Also, in His teaching, He said, **"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you"** (Matthew 5:44).

## **A Big Decision**

It was far into the night before Ted found sleep due to thinking over this problem and what Nathan had taught him. Should he take some of the money he had saved and spend it on one who had elbowed him in a game, lied to the coach, and refused an apology by cursing and shoving him aside? One part of Ted wanted to say, "no," but finally he decided, as a Christian, that he must help. This is what Ted believed that Jesus would do. After this decision, sleep came easy.

## **Ted Does A Good Deed**

The following day after school, Ted went by the local grocery store and purchased two large boxes of groceries. Then, somewhat nervous, Ted drove to the home of Chuck Avis. When Mrs. Avis came to the door, Ted said, "I'm on the ball team with Chuck, and wanted to share some things with you while Mr. Avis is out of work." She graciously accepted the two boxes of groceries, and after seeing the joy of Mrs. Avis, and seeing Chuck lying quietly on the couch with a fever, Ted forgot all the wrongs he had received! Chuck didn't say thank you, but he didn't need to, because Ted could see that all was well between them.

Did Ted do right? Within one month, Ted found the answer to this question. The winter moved out leaving the birth of spring coming into view. Mr. Avis got back to work, and to Ted's surprise, one Sunday morning at worship the Avis family walked in and Chuck sat down next to Ted.

Just as David won over King Saul by doing good even when wronged, so Ted won a very difficult battle in his life by doing right.

## **Chapter 9**

### **Practical Lesson - 4**

# **The Power of Temptation**

After getting things worked out with Chuck, Ted's junior year went well. He dated a few girls, but he went out mostly just to be doing something. Some of the girls in his Bible class were good friends, and he joined them often to get a coke or to go bowling.

The following summer was so full of work on the farm that he didn't think much about being with girls. Ted was hopeful that things would be different his senior year, but he wasn't going to be too disappointed if he didn't get around to dating.

## **New School Year**

Finally the time came for Ted to begin his last year at Bradford High. He had mixed feelings about this. He was sad to think about this part of his life being over, but also glad to complete this part of his life to get on with something else. He continued to remind himself that he needed to stay close to the church. He didn't want to fall into the trap of getting involved in sinful things during his senior year.

When Ted met his first class, he looked around the room and to his surprise he knew most of the students. He saw a couple of boys who had moved in, and Sarah Bowman who had come to live with her

grandparents. However, the others had been with him in his junior year.

Just before the roll call was made, the door opened and a young lady entered the room. She was a blonde that looked to Ted like a star who had walked out of the television screen. Her sky blue eyes sparkled with her smile as she announced to the teacher, "I'm sorry to be late, my name is Jill!" Ted could hear some of the boys behind him whispering as some made peculiar sounds. However, Jill finally took her seat and the class got back to normal. For the next few minutes, Ted had problems listening to the instructions of the teacher. The vision of this blonde kept flashing across the screen of his mind.

During the first week of school, Ted tried to find an opportunity to meet Jill, but his plans never worked out. She was either in a hurry or else talking to other girls.

On the following week, Ted had stayed in the gym halfway into the lunch hour to practice fowl shots, and got to the cafeteria after most of the students had eaten and gone. To make up for lost time, he was eating as fast as he could. Just as he got his mouth crammed to capacity, someone walked up and asked, "May I sit with you?" Ted looked around and there stood Jill with her happy smile. Somehow, he managed to say, "Sure, sit down!" From these few minutes together, Ted learned that she had moved in from a nearby town, but she did not tell him anything about her past or family. Ted wondered about this, but was so thrilled just to be with her that he took her at face value.

This first meal together, began a warm and close relationship that grew week by week. For the first time, Ted became truly interested in dating and Jill was his choice. At first she did not seem interested in their relationship going beyond friendship, but with daily patience and spending much time together, Ted convinced her to accept dates with him.

## **Steady Dating**

Ted and Jill were together almost every day and often into the night. He became her favorite basketball star, and she went with him to most of the games away from home. For the first time in Ted's life, he had a serious desire for a woman. He tried to keep his thoughts pure, because he remembered the teaching of Jesus, **"Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart"** (Matthew 5:28). However, Jill was somewhat forward in her feelings for him, and this caused Ted to fight temptations daily.

Jill encouraged their relationship to advance into experiences and feelings that could so easily get out of control. One night on such an occasion, Ted explained to her that he was a Christian and could not get into an intimate relationship before marriage. However, she did not share his convictions, and continually tempted him to get more involved. Even though Ted was keeping things somewhat under control, he feared that his mind was lusting for her. Therefore, he encouraged her to go with him to many public gatherings rather than spending so much time alone.

Ted was pleased that Jill began going to Bible classes and worship with him. He had secretly asked Nathan to teach a lesson on keeping our bodies pure for marriage. A few weeks later, Nathan chose **Galatians 6:19-21** for his lesson text. The class discussed the meaning of the various works of the flesh. Jill listened, but Ted was not sure that she was too convinced. However, Ted needed to hear these biblical truths again to strengthen himself during temptations.

## **Shocking News**

One Sunday morning a lady came forward and placed her membership with the congregation. She was from Nelleville, a town some thirty miles away. On Monday, after placing her membership, she called Ted and asked to meet with him. She assured him that she had some information that she considered very important. This was somewhat surprising to Ted since he had met her only once. However, she seemed sincere, and he agreed to meet her at one of the fast food places in town. Ted knew only that her name was Sarah Brown.

After ordering Cokes, and exchanging a few words about the church, Sarah began. "I hope you won't think I'm meddling in someone else's business, but when I saw you with Jill, I had to talk with you." With surprise, Ted asked, "How did you know Jill's name?" Sarah continued, "Jill is from Nelleville, and I have known her for several years. I'm assuming you don't know what I'm about to tell you since I understand you are a fine Christian young man. Jill is married to Neil Young, a fine young man in that community." Ted turned

pale and said, "Did you say, married?" "Yes," continued Sarah, "She left her husband a few months ago and no one knows of her whereabouts! I don't know any details as to why she left her husband, I just know that this Jill is a married woman."

Sarah finished her Coke as Ted sat almost in silence. Finally, she said, "I must go. I'm sorry to bring you such upsetting news!" Ted thanked her kindly, and she left him about as shocked and lonely as a human being can get. He really loved Jill, and hoped to marry her after graduation. Why had she kept this from him. He thought, "If I had known, I would have made every possible effort not to get involved with her!" As he pondered his situation, he asked himself over and over, "What am I going to do? I can't give her up." At this point he thought of her husband. "Wonder what he is like? Does he love her like I do?" Then thoughts came through Ted's mind that had never been there before. "Maybe he will get killed so I can have Jill!" He couldn't believe he was thinking these thoughts. As he left for home, he kept hoping all of this was a dream, from which he would awaken. Or, maybe Sarah has lied! However, down deep in his heart, he knew that his dilemma was real.

In our next lesson, we will follow Ted as he deals with this serious problem in his life. Remember, the only way to face any problem, regardless of how large it may be, is to seek God's help!



## **Chapter 10**

### **Practical Lesson - 5**

## **Facing Temptations**

For the next week, Ted tried to stay in his room when he was home, but he could not hide his sadness from his parents. As to Jill, she admitted that she was married when Ted told her that he knew the truth about her, but she refused to talk about her past. She finally asked, "Does this mean that you can't date me anymore?" Ted knew the right answer to this question, but the wrong answer came out, "No, no, I can't give you up. I'll think of something."

Each time they were together, Ted wanted her more than ever before. He had heard that forbidden fruit is the most desired, and now he knew this to be a fact from experience. Ted had grown cold and indifferent toward the church and his Bible class, but no one knew how to help him. He had built a wall between himself and his friends.

### **Living A Lie**

One evening when Ted came in from school, after practicing late in the gym, his parents asked if they could talk with him. He resented this, but knew they had the right to talk. They all sat down together at the kitchen table and his dad began the conversation. "Ted, I'll get right to the point. We have heard rumors that

Jill has been married before.” Ted looked up with anger in his eyes, “Who told you a story like that?” Ted’s mother responded, “Never mind where we heard, is it true?” Without looking up, Ted answered, “Certainly not! Surely you don’t believe all that gossip!” As he heard his words, he could not believe they were coming from his mouth. He had always prided himself in the fact that he told the truth, but this is different, he thought, I just can’t tell them the truth about Jill.

Since his parents trusted him and had known him to be so truthful all of his life, they accepted his word, and excused him. The following night was the longest and most miserable night he had ever spent in his whole life. The lie he told his parents kept echoing in his mind. For the first time in his life, Ted was unable to pray. He felt so far away from God.

## **Help Is Needed**

Brother Jones, Ted’s preacher heard the many rumors, and was afraid that Ted was having problems. He wanted to help him, but first felt the need to have all the facts. One lady in the congregation told him that Sarah Brown had hinted that she knew Jill and her family in the past. Therefore, Brother Jones decided that he would visit Sarah. When he arrived at her home and asked about Jill, he assured her that he was seeking this information to help Ted. Sarah started at the beginning and told him all that she knew about Jill, her marriage, and her parents. Before leaving, Brother Jones promised her that what she had told him would be kept strictly confidential, and that it would be used only to help Ted.

For the next step, Brother Jones went to Nelleville and met with Neil, Jill's husband. He found him to be a fine young man very hurt and confused. Neil told Brother Jones all the painful details from beginning to end. When the conversation was over, Brother Jones thanked him kindly and promised that he would look for every opportunity to help.

## **An Important Meeting**

During the following week, Brother Jones called Ted and asked if he could meet with him on Saturday in his office. This was not too unusual since they had often met together in the past to carry out work projects. However, Ted felt that this meeting might be something about his relationship with Jill. When Ted arrived, the two didn't exchange many words until Brother Jones began.

## **A Touching Story**

Ted, I want to tell you a true story and get your opinion on what should be done. Ted settled back to listen. Brother Jones began: "There was a young couple that dated for several months and fell deeply in love. They decided to get married, and to spend the rest of their lives together. However, from the day they were married, her parents resented her husband, and week after week they tried everything to break them up. At first, the couple was so happy that they ignored them, but finally this developed into serious problems. There was nothing her parents would not do to make him look bad in the eyes of their daughter. They lied about many

things, and even accused him of being unfaithful. After a few months, this brought real problems between them. He would accuse her parents of lying, and she would resent his accusations. This produced hard feelings and heated arguments. They finally reached the point where they neglected each other in their marriage, and stayed angry most of the time.

Finally, one day after a big argument, the girl went home to her parents. They continued their false accusations, and offered the girl a large sum of money if she would leave her husband and move secretly to another town. In all her confusion, this seemed to be the easiest way out, so she accepted the money and moved away.

Sometime later, she met another young man and began dating him. She did not tell him that she was married, but allowed their relationship to develop into love. During this time, her husband was back home feeling broken hearted and cheated by all that had happened to him.”

Ted listened with great interest. He could almost feel the pain that her husband was going through. In fact, he thought of Jill, and knew what it was like to love someone that you really couldn't have.

At this point, Brother Jones asked, “Ted, what do you think about this girl's evil parents and the way her husband has been treated?”

Ted was a little angry inside just hearing the story. He said, “This is all wrong. Her parents had no

right to interfere with their lives. She belongs with her husband, and their love should be allowed to grow instead of being killed! Someone should tell her parents that they are wrong in breaking up their daughter's marriage."

Brother Jones leaned forward in his chair, looked Ted in the eyes and said, "Ted, the girl's name is Jill, and you are the one she's dating!"

All was quite as Ted stared away with tears in his eyes. Finally, Brother Jones asked, "How long have you known that Jill was married?" Ted replied, "A few weeks, but I didn't want to accept it. I wanted her for myself so badly that I was willing to lie, cheat, and even secretly wish something would happen to her husband. Brother Jones, I have been wrong--I am so guilty!"

Brother Jones knew that Ted was hurting, but he also knew that he would hurt even more if he didn't face these facts and get his life right with God. Therefore, he continued: "Ted, do you remember a series the teen class studied about two months ago on the life of David?" Ted answer, "Yes, I remember well. I even taught two of the lessons when Nathan was on vacation." Brother Jones asked further, "Do you remember how David fell in love with another man's wife, and the sins that he committed before realizing he had done wrong?" Again, Ted remembered every detail. "Now, Ted, you need to repent of the things you did wrong, ask God to forgive you, and encourage Jill to return to her husband."

For the first time since he learned that Jill was married, Ted could see clearly what had happened. He didn't want anything to keep him from being right with God. Therefore, he resolved to make things right with all he had wronged. He thanked Brother Jones for helping him see the sins in his life.

## **Making Things Right**

The following Sunday morning, Ted went forward and confessed his sins to the church asking them to forgive him. Ted also ended his relationship with Jill, and encouraged her to at least meet with her husband and try to work out their problems. Brother Jones had told him that he would be willing to talk with Neil and Jill if they wanted his help.

Although Ted did not go as far as David in his experiences with Bathsheba, he still faced some of the same temptations. Be assured that all of us must work daily to keep our lives from temptations. If we are Christians, the Lord will help us escape temptations. When we put Him first in our lives, all the other things will work for the best.

## **Conclusion:**

Ted finished his High School years at Bradford High and went to college. While attending college, he met Beth, the finest Christian lady he had ever known. They fell deeply in love and made their plans to get married, and to spend the rest of their lives together. Ted found the greatest joy from his life because he lived daily to follow Jesus. There is not a greater goal

**that we can have today than to follow in the footsteps  
of Jesus our Master and our Lord!**



Teacher's Notes



# Chapter 11

## Teacher's Notes On Chapter 1

### A Call To Be King

1 Samuel 16

#### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Exciting study of Old Testament kings
  - 1. Some were evil, some were good
  - 2. Involved in battles, riches, sins of the flesh, and idolatry
- B. In this book, we will study David
  - 1. "Sweet Singer of Israel"
- C. David had his weaknesses
  - 1. Still "**Man after God's own heart**"  
(Acts 13:22)
- D. Today we will study, "David a Shepherd boy anointed king:"

#### I. CALL HIM FROM THE FIELD

- A. Lesson begins with David watching his father's sheep
  - 1. God has something special planned for him
  - 2. Let's leave David for a while to see what God has planned
- B. Saul, king of Israel, had disobeyed God

1. God wants him removed as king
- C. God sent Samuel to house of Jesse to anoint one of his sons
  1. **(1 Sam. 16:2,3)**
  2. Samuel feared God more than Saul, and obeyed
- D. Must have been a thrill for Jesse to learn that one of his sons would be king
  1. Tell of his sons preparing to appear before Samuel
  2. Looked so great, hard for Samuel to decide
- E. Samuel finally chose Eliab
  1. Samuel had chosen by outward appearance
  2. Read **(1 Sam. 16:7)**.

## II. LESSON

- A. Samuel chose from his own feelings
  1. He needed the help of God
  2. Had made same mistake choosing Saul
- B. God chooses by looking at the heart
- C. We can make mistakes about people by judging only their appearance
  1. Example: Jesus was refused king by many
- D. **(1 Pet. 3:4)**.

## III. ALL BROTHERS OF DAVID CONSIDERED

- A. One by one the other six brothers were considered
  - 1. All were refused
  
- B. **“Are all the young men here?”**
  - 1. Only one who is tending the sheep
  - 2. David: **“A clear, fair complexion, good eyes, and a lovely face,”** (cf. 1 Sam. 16:12; 17:42).
  
- C. The Lord said, **“Arise, anoint him.”**
  - 1. Samuel anointed him with a horn of oil.

#### IV. LESSON

- A. David was asked to appear to be anointed
  
- B. We must not boast of our own abilities
  - 1. Strength will be made known
  - 2. David didn't attend the feast, but was anointed king
  - 3. Bible: Take a lower seat, then be invited upward
  - 4. Spend time WORKING not BOASTING!
  
- C. *“Usually the greatest boasters are the smallest workers. The deep rivers pay a larger tribute to the sea than shallow brooks, and they empty themselves with less noise”* (Secker).

#### V. SAUL'S REACTION

- A. Saul learned of David being anointed

- B. It was recommended that he find a harp player
- C. Music is good therapy, but will not take the place of repentance
- D. Saul needed to confess his sins and repent
- E. Then music would have helped him
- F. David had the ability to play the harp
  - 1. Chosen to cheer Saul
  - 2. Learned the palace, and prepared for being the active king.

## **VI. LESSON**

- A. Music will not do the impossible
  - 1. Will cheer saddened hearts
  - 2. Will help us face problems
  - 3. Will not forgive sins!
- B. Forgiveness comes through obedience
- C. In spiritual realm, must lift our voices in praise to God
  - 1. Spirit of the Lord departed from him
  - 2. Must have been an empty feeling

## **VII. LESSON**

- A. God does not come down directly today, but still is present today

- B. If God doesn't rule, Satan will possess us
- C. How can any accountable person live without obeying God?
- D. How can one's soul fall into the condition of Saul?

**VIII. SAUL NEEDED A PHYSICIAN**

- A. Even modern medicine would not have helped Saul
- B. Today, without God, one has nothing
- C. Disobedience brought Saul rejection and sorrow.
- D. Apart from worship, can enjoy good music
- E. However, only God can make our lives complete
- F. *"Of all the arts beneath the heaven,  
That man has found or God has given,  
None draws the soul so sweet away;  
As music's melting, mystic lay;  
Slight emblem of the bliss above,  
It soothes the spirit all to love."*

(Hogg).

**IX. MUSIC DID NOT CURE SAUL**

- A. It helped him temporarily
  - 1. Would not bring him back to God
  
- B. First be a Christian, then enjoy heart cheering music
  
- C. For a time, David found favor with Saul
  - 1. However, time will change this relationship!

## Chapter 12

### Teacher's Notes On Chapter 2

## The Winner By a Knockout

1 Samuel 17

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. After playing the harp, David returned to the sheep
  - 1. A youth, but had much faith and trust
  
- B. War was going on between Israel and Philistines
  - 1. Saul had lost favor with God, but was still leading His army
  - 2. David's brothers: Eliab, Abimadah, and Shammah in army
  
- C. Jesse sent David to take brothers parched corn, ten loaves of bread and ten cheeses
  - 1. David got up early to carry out this job.

### I. LESSON

- A. When we have work to do, need to get up early to accomplish it
  - 1. Laziness can become a disease
  - 2. Example: birds up early seeking food
  
- B. Something refreshing about a new day
  - 1. Inspires us to succeed and honor God

- C. Man needs to imitate God's creatures in this way.

## **II. GOLIATH DEFIES ISRAEL**

- A. David heard that Goliath, a giant, was defying God's army
  - 1. Giant 11 ft. tall, with a strong armor
- B. Goliath challenged a fight with a man of Israel
  - 1. Kill me and we will be your servants
  - 2. Saul's men were afraid
- C. David could not understand their fear
  - 1. They were on God's side.

## **III. LESSON**

- A. Must never try to solve our problems without God
  - 1. Christians can call on His help in prayer
- B. Nothing is impossible within God's will
  - 1. David knew that God would help.

## **IV. DAVID'S OLDEST BROTHER WAS JEALOUS**

- A. He (Eliab) began mocking David
- B. Questioned his motives for coming to them
  - 1. Came only to see battle
  - 2. Overlooked the kindness of David



3. When one is jealous, he is also ungrateful
- C. Emphasized that David was only a shepherd boy

## **V. LESSON**

- A. Often a problem for brothers and sisters to get along
- B. Older should realize that the younger are looking for guidance
- C. Brothers and sisters can be cruel to each other
  1. Still may stand up for each other when outsiders attack.

## **VI. SAUL SENT FOR DAVID**

- A. Saul heard about what David was saying; sent for him
- B. David asked permission to meet the giant
  1. Saul objected first that he was only a youth
  2. Saul did not consider that God was on his side
- C. David told Saul about bear and lion entering the sheep
  1. God helped him slay both
  2. Pointed out that the same power would help him slay the giant

- D. Saul said, **“Go, and the Lord be with you!” (v. 37).**
- E. Saul provided David an armor, but he refused it
  - 1. Wanted to meet giant in same way he met bear and lion
  - 2. With staff, five smooth stones, and a sling, he met the giant.

## VII. LESSON

- A. That which was so small, God made strong
  - 1. David allowed God to use him in spite of weaknesses
- B. Even if our talents are small today, God can help us
  - 1. God can use us to lead thousands to Christ
- C. Instead of complaining of weaknesses, use same strength to allow God to work through us
  - 1. Will be amazed at what God can do!

## VIII. THE REACTION OF THE GIANT

- A. The giant was humiliated when he saw David
  - 1. **“Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks” (vss. 43, 44).**
  - 2. David was not frightened
  - 3. Assured the giant that Jehovah would help him slay him

4. **“This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you” (v. 46)**
- B. With a stone and sling, David buried a stone in forehead of giant
  1. Although tall, strong, and a boaster, fell to earth
  2. David took the giant's sword, cut off his head
- C. With God's help, a large army was defeated.

## **IX. LESSON**

- A. Sometimes youth are made to feel no place until older
  1. They are part of the church today as well as tomorrow.

## Chapter 13

### Teacher's Notes - For Chapter 3

## Run For Your Life

1 Samuel, 18-31

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Natural for David to become a hero after slaying the giant
  - 1. He had done the King's job
  - 2. Temptation for David to become conceited, but he didn't!
  - 3. David still considered Saul the king
  
- B. When David and Saul returned from battle, women danced and sang:
  - 1. **"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands" (18:7).**
  - 2. Although David was innocent, from this time forward, Saul was jealous
  - 3. Saul began hating David.

### I. LESSON

- A. Many people suffer over things they cannot help
  - 1. Have you ever mocked people with physical handicaps or because of a different skin color?
  - 2. This is wrong!

3. Example: Old West and Indians
- B. David wanted to be a friend with Saul
1. Saul would not permit it.

## II. SAUL TRIED TO KILL DAVID

- A. Later, David was playing the harp for Saul
1. An evil spirit entered Saul
  2. He threw spear at David and said,
  3. **"I will pin David to the wall with it" (18:11)**
  4. This happened twice.
- B. Notice another plot to kill David
1. Saul offered David his daughter Michal for wife
  2. Required a dangerous condition-Pay:
  3. **"one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies" (18:25).**
  4. Saul thought David would be killed carrying this out
  5. David responded by presenting Saul with two hundred foreskins
  6. David then married Machal, Saul's daughter.

## III. A TRUE FRIEND

- A. Jonathan, Saul's son, was a true friend to David

1. On one occasion Jonathan convinced his father not to kill David since he had saved Israel by slaying the giant
  2. Saul soon broke his promise and sought David.
- B. David's wife Michal, also helped David escape from Saul
1. She let David down through window--placed image in bed
  2. When men came to get David, she told them he was sick
  3. Later they took image to Saul, and he was angry with Michal
  4. She told her father, "**He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should kill you' " (19:17).**
- C. David and Jonathan made a plan to warn David
1. David would hide near place where Jonathan practiced shooting arrows
  2. Lad would get arrows
  3. "**Look, the arrows are beyond you" - Saul was angry"Look, the arrows are on the side of you; get them and come," - Saul was peaceful,(20:20-23).**
- D. Saul attempted to kill Jonathan because of his friendship with David
1. The arrow message - Saul is angry.

#### IV. LESSON

- A. A loyal friend is like a precious jewel

1. Will stand by you through good and bad times
  2. Jonathan was this kind of friend to David
- B. **Solomon: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).**
- C. Saul had Ahimelech a priest and other priests killed
1. Because he gave David bread to eat
  2. He also gave David the sword of Goliath
- D. Saul commanded his evil servant Doeg to kill the priests
1. **"You turn and kill the priests! So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod" (22:18).**

## V. LESSON

- A. Hatred and jealousy can eat our hearts away
1. This sin will grow if we allow it to do so
- B. It was disobedience, hatred, and jealousy that destroyed Saul and his hope for the future.

## VI. DAVID MEANT SAUL NO HARM

- A. While Saul was in a cave, David slipped and cut off the corner of his robe
- B. David later followed from a distance and cried out:
  - 1. **"I could have slain you, but I didn't"**
  - 2. David tried to convince Saul that he meant him no harm
- C. Saul pretended friendship, but it was only pretense!

## **VII. DAVID MARRIES ABIGAIL**

- A. Woman named Abigail was married to evil man, Nabal
  - 1. David asked Nabal a favor--refused
  - 2. David considered slaying Nabal, but Abigail showed him that this would be wrong
- B. A few days later God killed Nabal
  - 1. David then married Abigail.

## **VIII. HATRED CONTINUED.**

- A. Saul began seeking David's life again
- B. David found Saul asleep with his army
  - 1. Slipped in and took his sword and jug of water
  - 2. Spared Saul's life



- C. Next morning called from a distance and told Saul what he had done
- D. Saul once again promised not to seek his life.

## IX. SAUL THE LOSER

- A. Saul became even more restless
  - 1. Sought Samuel from the dead, but received a death message
- B. Went to battle against the Philistines
  - 1. They shot Saul several times with arrows
  - 2. Saul commanded his armorbearer to kill him
  - 3. The armorbearer was afraid and refused
- C. Saul ended his own life by falling on his sword.

## X. LESSON

- A. What a lesson to show that comes from a life of sin
- B. Saul was far from dying a hero
- C. Compare David to Saul--David was the true hero
  - 1. David was able to write:
  - 2. ***"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores***

***my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (Ps. 23).***

## Chapter 14

### Teacher's Notes - For Chapter 4

## The Thrill of the Moment

2 Samuel 11; 12:1-11

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. David was a great man
  - 1. But like the apostle Peter, he had a weak time
  
- B. Won victory after victory for the Lord
  - 1. Listened and yielded to the soft voice of temptation
  - 2. Became guilty of adultery, deceit, and murder.

### I. LESSON

- A. Even the strongest are in danger of yielding to temptations
  - 1. Sin can slip upon us
  - 2. Especially if we are spiritually sleeping
  
- B. Several steps that led to David's sins
  - 1. The first step seems to be idleness
  - 2. **2 Sam. 11:1, records a "time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; but David remained at Jerusalem."**

3. David was neglecting the King's business
  4. If he had been in battle, he would have avoided the temptation
- C. Seems that David was taking a nap - **"Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold" (11:2).**

## II. LESSON

- A. We need to keep ourselves involved in useful activities
1. It is true, *"an idle mind is the Devil's workshop"*
  2. *"Idleness gives great advantage to the tempter"*
  3. *"Standing waters gather filth"*
  4. *"The bed of sloth often proves the bed of lust."*

## III. DAVID LUSTED THROUGH HIS EYES

- A. He saw and desired this beautiful woman
1. Like Eve, lust was perceived through the eyes
- B. David wrote: **"Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things" (Ps. 119:37).**

- C. On this occasion, David lusted for sin that reflected on his faithfulness to God
  - 1. David gave in to the desires of his flesh
  - 2. He laid aside reasoning and wisdom
  
- D. David first inquired as to her identity
  - 1. May have thought she was single
  - 2. If so, could have fulfilled desires through marriage.

#### **IV. LESSON**

- A. Physical attraction alone is not a true basis for marriage
  - 1. Couples should not marry just because they are attracted to each other
  - 2. This is important in marriage, but love and respect must also be present
  - 3. Marriage in God's sight is a lifetime commitment.

#### **V. FORBIDDEN FRUIT WAS MORE APPEALING.**

- A. She was married to Uriah the Hittite
  - 1. David seems to want her even more
  - 2. He refused to keep his desires under control
  
- B. The best way to deal with temptation for an affair:
  - 1. Never begin
  - 2. It is foolish to begin an affair believing it can be ended later
  - 3. It is wrong to think only of the moment

4. Such thoughts and practices have crushed many hearts
- C. Did David plan to commit adultery from the beginning?
1. The Bible does not say
  2. However, the whole experience began by seeing and desiring her
  3. Surely David acted unwisely!

## VI. LESSON

- A. Many today get caught by not planning to get totally involved
1. We should never see how close we can get to sin
  2. **"Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thes. 5:22).**
  3. **"Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (Jas. 4:7,8).**
- B. We think differently when temptation has us under its spell
1. Never engage in things that lead to sin
  2. Draw a line far away from the danger mark
  3. Work daily to keep morals high
  4. Let others call us different-- Christians are different!
  5. If David had worked to keep from temptation - would have avoided these sins.

## **VII. ADULTERY WAS COMMITTED**

- A. David sent for Bathsheba and adultery was committed
  - 1. Bathsheba may have consented because of David's position
  - 2. Both were wrong regardless of the circumstances.

## **VIII. LESSON**

- A. Many women and young girls go wrong because they gain confidence in the one they are dating
  - 1. Many men and young men do the same
  - 2. Regardless of who the person may be, Christian principles must never be surrendered
  - 3. A man needs a woman, and a woman needs a man to help keep each other strong
  - 4. Sin is strong - great wisdom is shown when resisted
- B. Example: *"The foolish gnat flies with its wings and fools away its life at last, by playing about the candle."*
- C. In Chapter 15, we will consider the consequences of David's sins
  - 1. We will look at how his sins affected his life, and the lives of others.

**Chapter 15**  
**Teacher's Notes - For Chapter 5**

**The Bitter Fruit**  
**2 Samuel 11; 12:1-11**

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. The sin of adultery involved both David and Bathsheba
  - 1. Both became unfaithful to her husband, Uriah
  
- B. This sin could not be kept a secret from God
  - 1. Neither from the people--Bathsheba conceived
  - 2. Her message to David was, "I am with child" (11:5).

**I. DAVID BEGINS HIS EVIL SCHEMES**

- A. Sent for her husband (Uriah) to come home from battle
  - 1. Wants him home so it will appear that the child is his
  - 2. However, Uriah refused the comforts of home while his fellow- soldiers were sleeping and fighting in the field
  
- B. David met with Uriah and got him drunk
  - 1. Uriah still refused to go in the house to his wife



- C. When all this failed, David planned murder
  - 1. Sent a letter to the battlefield by Uriah to Joab saying:
  - 2. **"Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die" (11:15).**
  - 3. This was done and Uriah was killed
  
- D. A few days later, David married Bathsheba
  - 1. At the proper time she gave birth to a son
  - 2. **"But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord" (11:27).**

## II. LESSON

- A. Notice how that with David, one sin led to another
  - 1. Adultery, deception, drunkenness, and murder
  - 2. Is this the same man who was troubled because he cut off Saul's skirt?
  - 3. Is this the same man who executed judgment and justice to his people?
  - 4. Yes, but so much has changed
  - 5. This is proof that we should never surrender our lives to sin
  
- B. Sin is like a chain made up of many lengths
  - 1. Such grows stronger and longer--difficult to stop.

## III. DAVID DECEIVED HIMSELF

- A. Believed all was well and that God approved
  - 1. He was king and Uriah was only a soldier
  - 2. Nothing from the text indicates any guilt
  
- B. How will God show David that he has done wrong?
  - 1. God chose Nathan the prophet to show David
  - 2. Could not simply say to David that he had done wrong
  
- C. Approached the subject by telling David a story
  - 1. **"There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him, and his children. It ate of his own food, and drank from his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him" (2 Samuel 12:1-3).**
  - 2. He continues by telling of a visitor who came to the rich man's house:
  - 3. Then David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, **"As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity."** And Nathan

**said to David, 'You are the man!' (2 Samuel 12:5-7).**

#### **IV. LESSON**

- A. Easy to see faults of others - difficult to see our own
  - 1. Look at others with binoculars magnifying
  - 2. Look at own with binoculars making faults smaller
  
- B. David had overlooked own sins, but could see faults of rich man

#### **V. YOU ARE THE MAN**

- A. Nathan backs up his accusation with these words:
  - 1. **"Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. I gave you your master' s house, and your master' s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more. Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon" (2 Samuel 12:7-9).**

- B. This must have made David feel guilty
  - 1. Must have remembered these words the rest of his life
  - 2. Many of the Psalms of this "*Sweet singer of Israel*" reflect his repentance.

## VI. LESSON

- A. Do you feel guilty when you do wrong?
  - 1. We should, and we should make every effort to make things right
- B. Dangerous to reach the point where we feel no guilt from sin
  - 1. Committing sin is a serious thing
  - 2. Must be made right with God
  - 3. Keep a tender heart that feels guilt and seeks forgiveness for sins.

## VII. DAVID CONFESSES SIN TO NATHAN

- A. "I have sinned against the Lord" (12:13).
- B. Nathan gave a message from God:
  - 1. "And David said unto Nathan, 'The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.' " (2 Samuel 12:13,14).

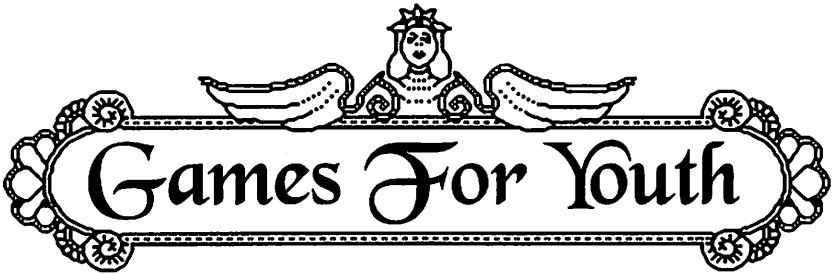
- C. This message was true
  - 1. The son died
  - 2. David lived a profitable and useful life before God
  - 3. Learned many lessons from his mistakes
  - 4. Seemed to live closer to God.

## **VIII. LESSON**

- A. As we live, we are tempted daily
  - 1. May not be the same temptation of David
  - 2. Principles are the same
- B. Need to recognize that we have sinned
  - 1. Then make them right with God
  - 2. Learn from our failures
- C. God forgives and gives His children strength to grow stronger

## **IX. RESOLVE TO LIVE FOR GOD**

- A. Hope your life will be enriched from studying King David
  - 1. Also the practical lessons based on his life
- B. Remember, God blessed David when he did right
  - 1. Punished him when he did wrong
- C. Why not resolve to be a faithful Christian
  - 1. Try to please God as long as you live!



Games For Youth

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## Chapter 16

### Game For Chapter 1

#### A Call To Be King

## BIBLE BOWLING

### OBJECT:

The object of Bible Bowling is to reach the strike zone by answering Bible questions. The questions for this game are based on David being anointed king as a shepherd boy. While seeking to make the highest score, hopefully the students will learn more about the Bible.

### Things Needed

1. Prepare a game board.

**Step 1:** Prepare the game board as shown in the diagram from 1/4" plywood covered with alternate colors of flannel to distinguish sections. The pins in the strike zone are 1-1/2" in diameter black circles.

**Step 2:** Install the board on a wall in front of the class, or attach it to a portable chalkboard.

**Step 3:** Make bowling balls (use pattern) on stiff poster board 2" in diameter (glue sandpaper to the back of each ball for flannel. Numbers one through the number of students you expect (plus extras). If

you expect 20 students, prepare at least 25. Be sure you have enough.

**Step 4:** Cut out the player's circle. Cut a circle (18" in diameter) from a corrugated box. Paint it with acrylic house wall paint and print on it **PLAYER**.

**Step 5:** Cut out 30 pins and glue or tape a question on each pin. Place these in a box. When its' a player's turn, let he or she stand on the "Player's Circle"

## **HOW TO PLAY THE GAME**

1. Place balls (based on the exact number of students) in the box and allow each student to draw his or her ball. The student receiving ball #1 will go first, ball #2, second, etc.
2. When it is a player's turn, let he or she stand on the "PLAYER'S" circle. From the box where questions have been stirred well, draw out a pin and ask it's question. (Do not place this pin back into the box until another game). If they answer correctly, take their ball and place it on square #1 for 6 points. Then move to the next student with ball #2. Repeat this pattern until all students have had a turn, and then begin round two. After seven rounds, the student (or students) with the highest score, wins the game. If more than one reaches the strike zone or ties for the highest score (short of the strike zone), declare them ALL winners! To make a strike is to make a total score of 100 points. Try NOT to close the game in the middle of a round so that all will have an equal opportunity to win. If you run out of questions, place all



questions back into the box and go over them again. Repetition is a great way to learn!

3. Optional: If you choose, you may give a Bible or Bible related prize for a single winner. Only if one student makes a strike above the entire class.

## **Chapter 17**

### **Game For Chapter 2**

#### **The Winner By A Knockout**

## **BIBLE SHUFFLE**

### **Things Needed**

1. Make 2 disks, 3" in diameter. Saw with a band or scroll saw from 3/4" lumber. Paint one red and the other blue. You may cement a picture of an open Bible on each disk if you wish.
2. Make 2 cue sticks for the game. (It might be a good idea to make a couple of extra ones in case one gets broken). Paint one red and the other blue. For handles, use a 1/2" by 36" dowel stick. Use pattern to saw disk holder from a 2 by 4 (1-1/2" by 3-1/2") with a band or scroll saw. Drill a 1/2" hole and insert (with glue) dowel stick handle.
3. Prepare floor diagram from pattern. This can be done with masking tape, or a permanent diagram with paint to be used often. Place a line of masking tape at the proper distance (according to the group) for students to stand to play the game. Somewhere between 10 ft. and 16 ft.

### **How To Play The Game**

1. Divide students equally into 2 teams (number them 1-2, 1-2, etc.). The "ones" are the "Red team" and the "twos" are the "Blue team."
2. Line up both teams, and give a cue to the first player on each team.
3. Each takes a turn shoving or sliding the disk to the diagram. Each player gets to try 2 times to land on a number. After 2 tries, landing on or off the diagram, the next team has a turn. After two misses, or landing on a number, the student gives the cue to his or her next player.
4. When a player lands the disk on a number, he or she receives a Bible question from that number. (You can use question board used in Chapter 19 to hold your questions on the proper numbers). If answered correctly, their team gets that same number added to their score. Example: If they land on "10" - go to the question under ten. The ten should be the most difficult set of questions, but gives 10 points when answered correctly. **TEAM MATES MUST NOT HELP THEIR PLAYER ANSWER!**
5. Total up scores at the end of the period and announce the team winner.

## **Rules**

1. The number landed on represents the question category or number to be used.

2. If the disk lands on a line between two numbers, choose the number with the most disk on it. If it appears equal, give the student a choice.
3. If disk is mostly outside the diagram, but still touching a number, the number counts.

## **Chapter 18**

### **Game For Chapter 3**

#### **Run For Your Life**

## **WHEEL OF BIBLE**

### **Things Needed**

1. Overhead projector, screen, and marker for transparencies.
2. An overhead transparency. Make a transparency from the puzzle page in this book on a copying machine or make up your own. Cut small pieces of paper the size of each puzzle phrase and cover all except the first one. Tape these pieces of paper on the transparency with removable tape so that you can uncover each phrase as you need it.
3. Have a co-helper sit near the projector with all phrases filled in on paper ready to assist you as to where the letters are found.
4. Use questions from the Question Section.

### **How to Play The Game**

1. Divide students into two teams - Team 1 and Team 2

2. Ask the first student in team 1 a Bible question. If he or she answers correctly, they have the right to request a letter for the puzzle from A to Z. (vowels and consonants are treated as the same).
3. If there is one (or more) write the letters into the proper squares in RED for Team 1. (Co-worker tells you which squares). Give 5 points to team 1 for each time the letter appears. Example: If they ask for an "E" and there are two, they get 10 points. After letters are in place, they can try to solve the puzzle. If they can't, then move to the first player on Team 2. (Note; write letters in blue for Team 2). Go back and forth from team to team until the puzzle is solved.
4. No help can be obtained from other members of the team. If they do, the player is disqualified for that turn.
5. The first student to solve the puzzle, gives to their team an additional 100 points. This is added to all the other points already gained (total the score for each color) before the puzzle was solved.
6. Let Co-worker keep the score for both teams.

## **Chapter 19**

### **Game For Chapter 4**

#### **The Thrill of the Moment**

## **KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

### **Things Needed**

1. A portable Dry Erase Marker Board or use a chalk board
2. Dry erase markers or chalk

### **Things To Make**

1. Make a question board holder.
  - a. Cut a piece of 1 by 4, lumber 45 inches long
  - b. Begin at one end and mark a line every 5 inches
  - c. Center a nail (8d finish) on each line. These nails will hold the eight groups of questions. Place a number under each nail with vinyl numbers (1 thru 8).
  - d. From a short piece of 1 by 4, lumber, make two brackets to hang the question board holder to the top of the dry erase marker board. (see pattern).
2. Prepare 3 by 5 index cards by punching a hole at the center on one end. Write a question on each card with its value number on the back. (Divide questions into eight (8) categories--the higher the number the more difficult the question).

3. Have all categories of cards hanging on the nails before the students arrive.
4. Divide the dry erase marker board in half by drawing a vertical line.
5. Draw two score cards, one on each half, maximum size that the board will allow.
6. Label the left half of the board "Team 1," and the other half, "Team 2."

## HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

1. Divide students equally into two teams, as you face them, call those on your right "Team 1," and those on your left, "Team 2."
2. Divide players on both teams into groups of 3's.
3. Begin with either "Team 1" or "Team 2" and allow the first group to choose a number, 1 thru 8. (Remind them that the larger the number, the more difficult the question).
4. Remove a card from the number they choose and ask them the question. If they answer correctly, place that number on the score card of their team. Example: If they choose 5 and answer correctly, place a 5 on score card under 5, etc.
5. They cannot get help from other team members. If they can't answer the question, allow anyone on



either team to answer, but no points are scored. Go back and forth from team to team until all student groups are used; then start over.

6. If time will not allow the game to be finished, and the score cards are not filled, simply add total points for each team. The highest total of points is the winner!

## **Chapter 20**

### **Game For Chapter 5**

#### **The Bitter Fruit**

## **TIC-TAC-KNOW**

### **Things Needed**

1. A portable Dry Erase Marker Board or Chalk Board.
2. Dry erase markers or chalk.
3. Questions from Question Section.
4. A large diagram drawn on the board with each block numbered from 1 thru 9.

### **How To Play The Game**

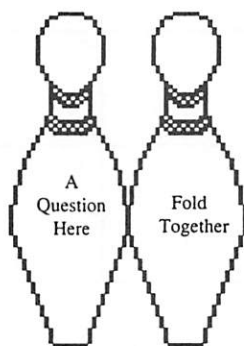
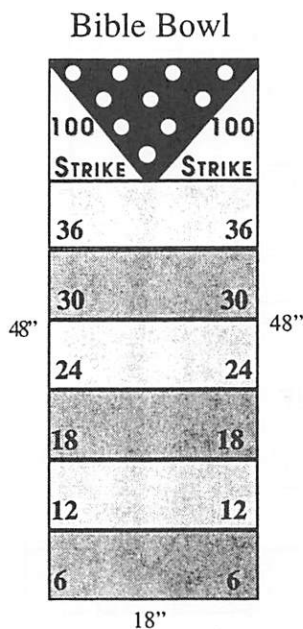
1. Divide class equally into two divisions, "Team 1" and "Team 2." (Let Team 1 be X's and Team 2, be O's).
2. Divide each team into groups of 2's.
3. Have Bible questions on 3 by 5 index cards, and be sure they are shuffled well.
4. Begin with one of the teams, and let the first couple choose a square (number) 1 thru 9.
5. Ask them a question. If they answer correctly, place either a "X" or "O" in that chosen square.

6. Then move over to the next team. Go back and forth until one team can draw a line as in the game "tic-tac-toe"
7. If the cat gets the game, play on until all squares are filled. Then add up the squares with X's, and the squares with O's.
8. Erase the X's and O's from all squares and begin another game.
9. If a team wins the round, they get 100 points. The loser still gets the total number from the squares where they were able to place a "X" or "O."
10. At the end of period, the team with the most points, wins!

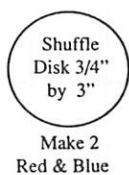
## Chapter 21

### Patterns For Games

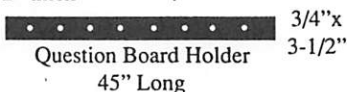
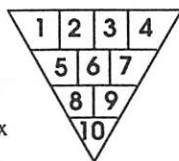
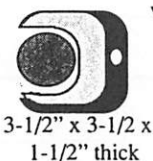
#### Bible Bowl



Cut out and fold pins  
for each  
Question



Make 2  
Red & Blue



Make 2 brackets 3-1/2"x3-1/2"  
for Question Board

## Tic-Tac-Know

### Tic-Tac-Know

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |

### Know Your Bible

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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Sample Puzzles

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD  
FLEE YOUTHFUL LUST

HOW SHALL  
THE YOUNG  
SECURE THEIR HEARTS

JESUS WEPT

BEHOLD I STAND  
AT THE DOOR  
AND KNOCK

**Other Suggestions:** "Preach the word" - Forsake not the  
assembly" - "Children obey your parents in the Lord" -  
"Honor father and mother"



## **Chapter 22**

### **Questions For Bible Bowling Chapter 1**

#### **The Call To Be King**

1. How did God feel about David?
2. What work did David do before becoming a king?
3. Who was the king when God chose David to be king?
4. Why did God remove Saul from being a king?
5. Give the name of David's father.
6. Who did God send to David's house to anoint a king?
7. What brother of David did the prophet first choose?
8. What mistake did Samuel make when considering David's brother?
9. At what does God look when choosing a man?
10. Why did many refuse Jesus to be king?
11. What is the hidden person mentioned by the apostle Peter?
12. Where was David when the prophet considered David's brothers for king?
13. Name at least one of the three ways the Bible describes David as to his physical appearance.
14. What did the man of God use to anoint David?
15. What came upon David after he was anointed?
16. Show that David did not force himself to be king.
17. Define self-praise that needs to be avoided today.
18. Instead of boasting of our abilities, what should we do?
19. What can we do to avoid boasting?
20. What does the Bible say departed from Saul?

21. Since God does not come down directly, where does he dwell in us today?
22. If God and grace do not dwell in us, what does?
23. In Saul's misery, what was he told to find to help him?
24. Music is a wonderful thing, but it will not take the place of one's need for what?
25. What did Saul need to confess for music to help him?
26. Name the harp player chosen for Saul.
27. What can music do according to our lesson?
28. What will music not do according to our lesson?
29. In what way was Saul helped by the harp?
30. How did Saul first feel about David?



## **Questions For Bible Shuffle**

### **Chapter 2**

# **The Winner By A Knockout**

1. After playing the harp for Saul, to what place did David return?
2. Who was Israel fighting in a war?
3. What relatives of David were in Saul's army?
4. Name one of three foods David took to his brothers.
5. Name a giant who defied God's army.
6. How tall was this giant?
7. Tell how God's army could win over their enemy.
8. Jealousy led David's oldest brother to accuse David of coming to visit for what purpose?
9. For what reason did Saul first refuse David's request to meet the giant?
10. Why could David, a youth, do great things?
11. What had David slay with God's help as ashepherd boy?
12. When Saul sent David to fight, who did he request to be with him?
13. What did Saul offer David to help him in this fight?
14. What weapon did David choose?
15. Tell how David's small weapon was made strong.
16. In anger, the giant asked, "Am I a-----?"
17. To what did the giant say he would give David's flesh?
18. With God's help, what did David say he would do to the giant?
19. What did David do with one of the stones in his sling?
20. How did David remove the giant's head?

21. What did David become from killing the giant?
22. Fill in the blank: "Youth are a part of the church---  
-and-----."
23. What should youth do when old enough to be accountable to God?
24. Name three ways, out of six mentioned, where youth can work.
25. How does God feel about youth serving Him?

## **Questions For Wheel of Bible Chapter 3**

### **Run For Your Life**

1. When David returned from slaying the giant, what three things did the women do?
2. Fill in: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his--- -----."
3. From jealousy, what did Saul throw at David two times?
4. Give name of Saul's daughter whom David married.
5. How many foreskins of the Philistines did Saul require of David for marriage to his daughter?
6. How many foreskins of the Philistines did David bring Saul to marry his daughter?
7. Name David's best friend.
8. How did David's wife get him out of the house to escape Saul.
9. What did David's wife place in his bed when he escaped Saul?
10. What lie did David's wife tell her father to justify her helping David escape?
11. What objects were used by Jonathan to let David know if Saul was angry or not?
12. What happened to Ahimalech, a priest, and other priests, because he gave David bread?
13. Name the man Saul used to kill Ahimalech and other priests.
14. What did David do to Saul while he was asleep in a cave?
15. Who did David marry after her evil husband was dead?

16. Name the evil husband of the woman David married.
17. While Saul was asleep, what two objects did David take from him?
18. What famous person from the dead did Saul contact?
19. How did the Philistines wound Saul?
20. Who did Saul ask to kill himself with a sword, but he refused?
21. How did Saul, who was wounded, die?
22. What led Saul to seek death other than his physical pain?
23. In David's writing, (Psalm 23) to whom did he compare the Lord?
24. Fill in: "He makes me to lie down in----- -----  
-----."
25. Where did David hope to dwell forever?

## **Questions For Know Your Bible Chapter 4**

### **The Thrill of the Moment**

1. What voice whispered in David's ear?
2. What was David neglecting when he got in trouble with sin?
3. Name the woman David saw when tempted?
4. What was the woman doing when David was tempted?
5. Through what was lust first perceived with David toward this woman?
6. To whom was the woman, whom David desired, married?
7. Fill in: "Abstain from every form of-----."
8. Fill in: "Resist the devil and he will-----from you."
9. Fill in: "Draw near to-----and he will draw near to you."
10. Are Christians like the world or different from the world?
11. Since David was king, was this woman right in yielding to his wishes?
12. Does God approve the act of adultery of a couple who plans to be married?
13. When David called for this woman, did he plan to just meet her or to commit sin with her?
14. What had David won in his work as king, many times for the Lord?
15. To what sins did David's sin with this woman, finally lead?
16. What sin did David first commit?

17. What is every Christian constantly in danger of doing?
18. Fill in: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he----."
19. Can you finish this quote: "An idle mind is the----  
--workshop?"
20. What woman of the Old Testament perceived sin through her eyes by looking at a tree?
21. Give the foundation for true marriage.
22. True or false? The best way to deal with an affair is to never begin it.
23. In the illustration of the gnat, it was foolish by playing too close to the-----!
24. When does sin look its best, before or after it is committed?
25. Should men only, women only, or both men and women, help to avoid sin?
26. Why does it show great wisdom to avoid sin?

## Questions For Tic-Tac-Know Chapter 5

### The Bitter Fruit

1. Other than God, who did David and Bathsheba sin against?
2. What happened to Bathsheba to make it impossible to hide their sin from others?
3. When David schemed to bring Uriah home so it would appear to be his child, what did Uriah refuse to do?
4. For what purpose did David get Uriah drunk?
5. When all efforts failed by David to get Uriah home to his wife, what was his final scheme?
6. How did David have Uriah killed?
7. How is sin like a chain?
8. Did David first feel guilt from his sins?
9. Name the prophet God sent to show David his sins.
10. What animal did the prophet use in a story to David to show his sins?
11. How did David react to the actions of the rich man in the prophet's story?
12. Tell how the prophet applied his story to David.
13. Show how a pair of binoculars illustrates the way we look at our sins and the sins of others.
14. The prophet tells David, "you have despised the---  
-----of the Lord."
15. What did David write to show that he had repented?
16. David is often called, "The-----singer of-----  
---."

17. What should we feel today when we commit wrongs?
18. What did David confess to this prophet?
19. Who would die because of the sin of David and Bathsheba?
20. Did David learn many lessons from his mistakes?
21. When we sin today, what should we do?
22. How long did David remember his sins?
23. How would you classify David's heart?
24. Who did the prophet say had killed Uriah?
25. God blessed David when he did-----, but punished him when he did-----.



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