

**OUR VISION FOR LIFE MUST BE
FOLLOWING THE HEART OF GOD.
(PART 1)**

SCRIPTURE TEXT: (ACTS 13:22-33) KEY VERSE (V.22, V.33)

INTRODUCTION: David is one of the most illustrative, interesting, and inspiring characters of the Bible. He was a shepherd, a giant killer, a mighty warrior, a talented musician, and the greatest king to lead Israel. David also had a dark side to his character. He was guilty of adultery and murder. Even with these moral and personal failures, God said of David, "He was a man after my own heart." Why is David called a man after God's Heart?

TRANSITION: BASIC OBSERVATION'S ABOUT GOD'S EVALUATION OF DAVID. 1. God has a "heart." Some issues capture His favor, affection, and attention.

2. Ultimately, God's evaluation is what matters, not what man says.

3. We can follow and capture the heart of God.

4. One does not have to live a perfect life to follow the heart of God.

David's life and four distinctive qualities emerge that define his life as a man after God's heart.

TO EARNESTLY FOLLOW THE HEART OF GOD WE MUST:

1. **DECLARE GOD'S PRAISE**
2. **DEPEND ON GOD'S PROVISION**
3. **DESIRE GOD'S PRESENCE**
4. **DISPLAY GOD'S POWER**

I. DECLARE GOD'S PRAISE

A. David consistently deflected praise directed to himself and declared the glory of God.

B. The blend of confessing sin and thanksgiving for the mercy of God make him wholly acceptable to God.

C. American's work at their play and play at their worship.

D. It is not enough just to know that God is great. We must express our worship to God.

E. (HEBREWS 13:15) **OUR PASSIONATE DECLARATION OF PRAISE MUST BE A DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR LIVES, JUST AS IT WAS FOR DAVID.**

ILLUSTRATION: A TESTIMONY OF PRAISE AND GOD'S HEART TOWARD HIS CHILD. OUR WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW THE HEART OF GOD.