

Message Summary

God chose David not because of his appearance, accomplishments, or visibility, but because of his heart. While the world focuses on resumes, talent, influence, and image, God looks deeper. Every follower of Jesus has been anointed and given God's Spirit for a purpose. When we stop obsessing over how we look to others and focus on developing a heart after God, He shapes us into who He created us to be.

Key Scriptures

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

1 Samuel 16:12-13 (NIV)

"So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David."

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share a time you felt overlooked, underestimated, or left out. How did you respond?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Monday's)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- If God wants us to identify people heart, what are the measurements of a healthy heart?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Share about times ever found yourself measuring your value by your visibility, accomplishments, appearance, or success? How could did this internal thinking shape your heart?
- David was overlooked by his own family, yet God saw in him. Do you believe, not just in your mind, but in your heart, that God sees you? Why or why not?
- We're called to focus less on our platform and more on our character. Where do you feel God wants to grow your character right now?
- What's getting the most attention from your heart right now?

Start Praying

God, thank You for seeing beyond what others see. Help us stop defining ourselves by appearance, accomplishments, or recognition. Form in us a heart that seeks You above all else. Remind us that Your Spirit is in us and that You have a purpose for our lives. Amen.

Start Doing

This week, spend time focusing on your heart rather than your image.

- Set aside time to be in God's Word and honestly evaluate the condition of your heart.
- Ask God to reveal any areas where you've been measuring your value by visibility, success, or outward appearances.