

David: The Early Years
God's Heart, God's Man, God's Ways

1 Samuel 8:1-3 (NKJV) Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

- I. The People Chose Saul - 1 Samuel 8:7-8**
- II. The Lord Chose David - 1 Samuel 13:13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29**
- III. Three Priorities for God-Appointed Servant Leaders**
 - A. Spirituality - 2 Chronicles 16:9**
 - B. Humility - 1 Samuel 16:1; Psalms 78:70; Psalms 89:20**
 - C. Integrity - Psalms 78:71-72**
- IV. God's Method of Training His Servants**
 - A. Solitude**
 - B. Obscurity**
 - C. Monotony**
 - D. Reality - 1 Samuel 17:34-35**
- V. A Couple of Lasting Lessons**
 - A. First, it's in the little things and in the lonely places that we prove ourselves capable of big things.**
 - B. Second, when God develops our inner qualities, He's never in a hurry.**