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David's openness saved his life.



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The Character of God's People

- Lesson Six -

*Open - Able to Receive
Seen in the Life of David*

I. Overview.

David was a person who was open in his character and large and soft in his heart. A person who is open is able to receive from others. When David was serving Saul, the king of Israel, Saul became jealous of David's success and decided to try to kill him.



When we are open,
all kinds of good things
can flow in.

Because David was open, he was able to receive help from Saul's son Jonathan.

Even though David was very capable, he realized that he needed the help of others. Because he shared an open relationship with Jonathan, eventually, that relationship saved his life. Jonathan was able to tell David about king Saul's intention to kill him and David was able to escape from the king's anger. If David had thought that he didn't need the help of others he might have been killed.

II. Memory Verse.

"Then Jonathan the son of Saul rose up and went to David... and... strengthened his hand in God."

(1 Sam. 23:16)

III. Lesson.

It is easy for a person to think that they know all that they need to know. A person like this is closed. It is difficult for them to receive anything. When others are speaking, they are not listening. They think that what they understand is enough.

God Wants Us To Be Open

God desires that we would be people who are open. To be open means that we are able to receive the thoughts and ideas of others. If a person is open, and he is able to receive from others, it is always a benefit to him. It is also according to God's way that we help others and allow others to help us.

David Was An Open Person

When David was young, before he was made king of Israel, he served Saul the king. David was very capable and very successful. Because king Saul was selfish, David's success made him jealous and angry. Eventually he decided that he would try to kill David.

David's Openness Saves His Life

Because David was an open person with a large heart, he became friends with Saul's son Jonathan. If David had been a closed person, he would not have become friends with the son of a man who was trying to kill him. David and Jonathan became very close and helped one another very much. Jonathan warned David about king Saul's intention and helped David to escape from Saul. Even when David was in the wilderness hiding from Saul, Jonathan went to him and strengthened him. This was a wonderful thing for Jonathan to do, but

it was only possible because David was an open person. A closed person would not have been able to receive this kind of help from someone else.

God Needs Us To Be Open

Actually David's openness was most important to God. Because David was kept alive, one of his descendants would become the genuine ruler of Israel, Jesus Christ. When we are open, God is able to do wonderful things through us. We can all learn to become open to our parents, teachers and friends.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be open?

2. Why was most important to God that David was open?

3. What is it like for someone to be closed?

4. Why was David's openness important to him?

