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Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever...

God's Chosen Leaders

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...But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

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    1 Samuel 13:13-14
  - David would do all God's will Acts 13:21-22

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After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'

• Like-minded with God

• Jonathan's body-guard – **1 Samuel 14:7** 

His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, and here I am with you according to your desire."

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  - Jonathan's body-guard **1 Samuel 14:7**
  - David conformed his heart to God's!

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Teach me Your way, LORD, and I will live by your truth. Give me an undivided mind to fear your name. **Psalm 86:11 CSB** 

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As for you, if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you *and* will keep My statutes and My ordinances...

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For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

• Whole-hearted devotion to God

- David became the standard for all Judah's kings 1 Kings 9:4, 11:4
- He is an example for godly leaders today Jeremiah 3:15

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"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.

• Concern for God's honor, not your own

 Saul worried about what people thought of him – 1 Samuel 15:30

Then he said, "I have sinned; *but* please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and go back with me, that I may worship the LORD your God."

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And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. **1 Timothy 3:7** 

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They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed. *Titus 1:16* 

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So he said to his men, "Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD's anointed."

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- Leaders don't follow their hearts but God's

There is a way *which seems* right to a man, But its end is the way of death. *Proverbs* 14:12

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• Conviction to confess sin honestly

- Saul justified his sin and confessed reluctantly – **1 Samuel 15**
- David confessed openly 2 Samuel 12:13

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts. And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way. *Psalm 139:23-24* 

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"Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding. *Jeremiah 3:15* 

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And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service... *Ephesians 4:11* 

Shepherds after God's own heart must first know God; only then they can lead others to know God.