

# A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

## Father's Day

### June 15, 2008

**Acts 13:22 (NIV)** "After removing Saul, He made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a **man after My own heart**; he will do everything I want him to do.' "

**Philippians 2:20a (NIV)** "I have **no one else like him** (Timothy)..."

**Philippians 2:29b (NASB95)** "...**Hold men like him** (Epaphroditus) **in high regard**;"

### TO BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART...

1. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_ who puts people before profits.

**1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (NIV)** "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but **have not love, I am nothing**.<sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, **but have not love, I gain nothing**."

**Philippians 2:20-21 (TEV)** "He is the only one who shares my feelings and who **really cares about you**.<sup>21</sup> Everyone else is **concerned only with their own affairs**, not with the cause of Jesus Christ."

2. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_ who puts character before conformity.

**Philippians 2:22 (NIV)** "But you know that Timothy has **proved himself**, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel."

**Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)** "The **man of integrity walks securely**, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out."

**Proverbs 20:7 (NIV)** "The **righteous man leads a blameless life**; **blessed are his children after him**."

3. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_ who puts community before competition.

**Philippians 2:25 (NIV)** "But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my **brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier**,

who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.”

### The Church Needs To Cooperate...

- In a \_\_\_\_\_
- In a \_\_\_\_\_
- In a \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges 20:11 (NIV)** “So all the **men** of Israel **got together and united** as one man against the city.”

**4. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_ who puts the cause of Christ before comfort.**

**Philippians 2:25-27 (NIV)** “But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus... whom you sent to take care of my needs.<sup>27</sup> **Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him...**”

**James 2:17 (NIV)** “In the same way, **faith** by itself, **if it is not accompanied by action**, is dead.”

**5. Be a man of \_\_\_\_\_ who puts service before security.**

**Philippians 2:29-30 (NIV)** “Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him,<sup>30</sup> because he **almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life** to make up for the help you could not give me.”

**Romans 12:1-2 (TEV)** “...**Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him...**<sup>2</sup> **Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.**”

**Mark 8:35 (TLB)** “If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who **throw away their lives for My sake** and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.”

**2 Chronicles 16:9a (NIV)** “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose **hearts** are **fully committed to Him.**”