

# Royal Lessons for Life

## David

### David's Biography

- David is born around 1085 B.C., takes the throne at age 30 in 1055, and rules for 40 years – I Kings 2:11, I Chronicles 29:27
  - He was king over Judah only for the first seven years and over all the tribes for the final 33 years.
- He is the youngest son of Jesse of Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah. – I Samuel 16:11
- He is anointed to be the next king by the prophet Samuel at age 17 – I Samuel 16:13
- David is a loyal servant of Saul, even when he is forced to be on the run for over 10 years – I Samuel 19-31, I Kings 1
- David is something of a “renaissance man”
  - He is handsome – I Samuel 16:22
  - He is a shepherd – I Samuel 16:11
  - He is a warrior and general – I Samuel 16:18, II Samuel 18:1-2
  - He is a poet and harpist – I Samuel 16:18, Psalm 23, etc.
  - He is an administrator – I Chronicles 23-27
  - He is deeply religious, “a man after God’s own heart” – I Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22
- Despite ushering in Israel’s Golden Age and establishing a dynasty that would produce the Messiah, David was still human and fell into sin.
  - He struggled with pride – I Samuel 25:2-13, II Samuel 24:1-9
  - He struggled with lust – II Samuel 11
  - He struggled with managing his family – II Samuel 13-18, I Kings 1

### Lessons from the Life of David

- David is proof that looks can be deceiving and that it is the heart of a person that matters – I Samuel 16:7
- Though David would sin, he was quick to repent – Psalm 51
- David looked beyond his own time and prepared for the future – I Chronicles 22-23, 28-29
- David’s failures in his family highlight the importance of having a Christian home – I Timothy 3:4-5, Psalm 101:2
- David is an example of manly Christian conduct and worship – I Samuel 17:34-36, Psalm 145, etc.