
2 Samuel 23:39 and Uriah the Hittite. There were thirty-seven in all.

When things are going well it's tempting to relax your guard and indulge your desires.

■ **4. David numbered his army to reassure himself.** ■

2 Samuel 24:3 But Joab replied to the king, "May the LORD your God multiply the troops a hundred times over, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king want to do such a thing?"

■ You build your "house" on sand when you value a comfortable life above a holy life ■

The Big Goal: Leave a Legacy

■ (1) You can dance at the party now as David did. ■

(2) You can bring others to the party as David did.

■ (3) You can spoil the party, as David did. ■

Living With Confidence

What Should I Learn from 2 Samuel?

What's Wrong?—part 10

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Glimpses of Greatness

■ **1. David grieved the death of King Saul.** ■

2 Samuel 1:17 David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan...

■ **2. David waited patiently to serve as king.** ■

2 Samuel 5:4 David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

3. David was extraordinarily kind to a potential threat.

2 Samuel 9:7 "Don't be afraid," David said, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

4. David wept when Absalom was killed.

2 Sam. 18:33 The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Exposes of Evil

1. David added wives.

Deuteronomy 17:17 He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray.

2 Samuel 5:6-12

2 Samuel 5:13 After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

Lesson: Good times can make you feel entitled to more pleasures.

2. David's direct disobedience regarding the Ark.

Num. 4:15 "After Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy furnishings and all the holy articles, and when the camp is ready to move, the Kohathites are to come to do the carrying. But they must not touch the holy things or they will die. The Kohathites are to carry those things that are in the Tent of Meeting."

3. David's adultery.

2 Samuel 11:1 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her....⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."
