

19 March 2017 - Third Sunday in Lent

INTRO: 1 Samuel 13:14, “The Lord has sought out a **man after his own heart**, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

I. A WORSHIPER.

Psalm 27:8, “You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to you, ‘Your face, Lord, do I seek.’”

John 4:23, “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.” Illus. David dancing. Michal.

II. A FIGHTER.

1 Samuel 17:10, 32, “The Philistine said, ‘I defy the ranks of Israel this day. **Give me a man**, that we may fight together... And David said to Saul, ‘Let no man's heart fail because of him. **Your servant will go and fight** with this Philistine.’” Cf. Take the armour off.

1 John 3:8, “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

III. HUMBLE.

Psalm 51:17, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

Matthew 23:12, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever **humbles himself** will be exalted.”

IV. A TEAM PLAYER.

Psalm 127:1, “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.”

Ephesians 4:11-12, “Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

V. A LISTENER.

1 Samuel 16:7, 12, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart... And the Lord said, ‘Arise, anoint him, for this is he.’”

CONCLUSION: Choosing a senior pastor is more than matching profiles. It's about choosing a man after God's own heart. It's having the spirit and courage of Samuel, to discern who that is. Amen.