

**IT IS WHAT IS ON THE
INSIDE THAT COUNTS**

"The Lord does not look at the things man
looks at. Man looks at the outward
appearance, but the Lord looks at the
heart" (1 Sam. 16:7b).
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A little African American boy, watching a man fill colored balloons said, "Mister, will those black balloons go as high as the others?" Knowing the lad had more than balloons on his mind, he replied, "Son, it's not what's on the OUTSIDE but what's on the INSIDE that determines how high they got."

This great principle of life was spoken to Samuel as he looked at strong, tall Eliab, the son of Jesse, and felt he surely must be the one God had chosen as King. But God saw the kind of person Eliab was on the inside, the kind who would belittle David (17:28), and told Samuel it was what was on the inside that counted.

Young people, it is not circumstances that determine how high you will go as human beings, but CHARACTER! Reputation is what people think you are, but character is what and who God knows you are. And that is what determines what you will become in life. I challenge you today to be the kind of person God admires one like David was "A man after God's own heart. What did God see on the inside that furnished the raw

materials for an imperfect but victorious, divinely applauded life?

A SAVED LIFE (Ps. 23)

The hallmark of David's life has to be the 23rd Psalm, the most beloved chapter in Holy Scripture. God, who was pictured in the Sacrificial System as One who would forgive and in Genesis as One who walked with us was David's Shepherd. Jesus assumed this title (John 10) and it means God is in control. He tells His sheep what to do. He provides for and protects them. He leads us into the right places. That was what God was to David. This is why when he was recruited as a young boy to sing for Saul, the men who knew him said, **"The Lord is with him" (Sam. 16:18)**

Is Jesus your Savior; is He your Lord? Are you trusting in His sacrifice on the cross for forgiveness? Are you following Him in obedience? And are you proud of it and open about it? Will people who know you say when you go out into life, "The Lord is with him"? Will you carry your Bible to college? Will you put it where it can be seen? Will you find a church home? Will you align yourself with some Christian group and count for God? If so you will be with God and God will be with you. If not, you will be on your own and may sow some seeds that produce much heartache in the years ahead. Go with God and God will go with you.

A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

(Ps. 78:70)

David was born to be King. The problem is Saul's son Jonathan was heir to the throne. He was every inch a king. He was a hero in battle (1 Sam. 14:1-15) and refused to fight back when his father wanted to kill him (1 Sam. 14:16-45). He was an honored man