

24. What does the Bible say about David's kingship? How did this please the Lord? (Read 2 Samuel 8:15)

**C. *Reject Introspection (Trying to blame yourself.) Never do you read that David thought his idea was wrong. He was spiritual enough to realize that this was simply not God's will, and he waited on the Lord.***

25. Why did God tell David that he couldn't build the temple? (Read 1 Chronicles 22:7-8)

26. How did God eventually answer David's desire to build the Temple? (Read 1 Chronicles 22:9)

Note: David was a man of war and as a result had shed much blood. God did not want the Temple to be built as a symbol of military achievement, but of worship. There was an inconsistency of his career with the nature and design of the building. An abode of peace should be erected by a man of peace. War destroys lives; the Temple represented that which saves lives. So David is not the proper man to build the Temple.

**D. *Redirect Your Energies. David decided to work on something else for the Lord, and God used him in a mighty way.***

27. Who had drawn up the plans for the Temple? Who inspired these plans? (Read 1 Chronicles 28:11-13)

28. Who obtained all the people to complete the work of building the Temple? (Read 1 Chronicles 28:21)

29. What had David prepared for the Temple? (Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-3)

30. How did David encourage his son Solomon to handle the building of the Temple? (Read 1 Chronicles 28:20)

31. Do you think David did all of this with a great heart of love towards the Lord? Why?

32. Because he redirected his energies, how did David see his dream fulfilled – and fulfilled according to the will of God?

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THE TENDER WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF DAVID

2 Samuel 7

WHEN YOUR DREAM DIES

*In the previous chapter, we saw David's desire to place the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem so that God could once again become the focus of the nation of Israel. Now David has decided to build a Temple to house that ark. It had been housed in a special tent prepared by David. No doubt the thought to build a temple occurred to David when he surveyed all that he had now that he was king. Unlike Saul, his desire was uplift the Lord, not put Him away on some back burner. But God had other plans. Chapter seven of Second Samuel is one of the most important chapters in the Bible. As we will examine later, it is filled with prophecy about the Messiah. Therefore, God used David's dream, not only to prepare for the Temple, but to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.*

1. Would you say that you are a dreamer? Why or why not?

2. Why is it important that people dream about the future?

**I. A DREAM IS BORN. Did you realize that affluence reveals character as much as affliction? Not all people can carry a full cup of blessings, but one of David's great strengths is revealed when he is successful. He put his emphasis on God, not himself. And a dream began to develop.**

3. Up to this time what kind of life had David been living? (Read 2 Samuel 7:1)

4. What had the Lord given to him?

**A. The Context of David's Dream. While at rest, David developed his dream.**

5. What is precious in the sight of God? (Read 1 Peter 3:4)

**B. The Concern of David's Dream. Again we see the sensitive nature of David.**

6. Who did David appoint to oversee the worship of God? (Read 1 Chronicles 16:4)
7. What was one of the ways that was used to worship the Lord? (Read 1 Chronicles 16:5-7)
8. How often did the ark have to be taken care of? (Read 1 Chronicles 16:37)
9. What was the duty of Obed-Edom and certain other Levites? (Read 1 Chronicles 16:38)
10. What do you think was involved in being a gatekeeper for the tent that kept the ark?
11. How often were burnt offerings given to the Lord? (Read 1 Chronicles 16:39-40)
12. How important was music in the worship of the Lord at this time? (Read 1 Chronicles 16:41-42)
13. With all these people now living in Jerusalem, what do you think was taking place inside the city?
14. What was bothering David? (Read 2 Samuel 7:2)

**C. The Confirmation of David's Dream. How noble was David's attitude. He wanted God to have better than him. He decided to talk his plan over with someone else. Someone he could trust.**

15. With whom did David talk over his plan? Who was he? (Read 2 Samuel 7:3)

16. Did Nathan encourage David to carry out his dream?

17. Who do you know is a great encourager?

Note: This is the first time that Nathan the prophet is mentioned, but he will show up periodically later in our story. Nathan was a spiritual advisor and a great friend to David. Nathan's life left a good imprint on the history of Israel. He did well in his office as a prophet of God and was a good example for the people of Israel.

**II. A DREAM DIES. Just because something is good, does not always mean it is the will of God. Often we think that the will of God is determined by whether the deed is good or evil. But that which is not the will of God may be a very commendable act, but it may not be the best way to bring honor to the Lord.**

18. Instead of a temple, what was God willing to "live in" at the present time? Was God satisfied for the ark to remain in a tent? (Read 2 Samuel 7:4-7)

19. What was God's answer to David building a Temple for Him? (Read 1 Chronicles 17:4)

**Let's look at how David handled this rejection of his dream by the Lord.**

**A. Review What You Have. It is not the wonder of our work that impresses God, but the willingness of our hearts to be content with His will.**

20. How did David respond to God's answer of "no"? (Read 2 Samuel 7:18-19)

21. Instead of anger, what does David express towards God? (Read 2 Samuel 7:20-24)

22. Instead of allowing David to build a temple, God allowed David to have what forever? (Read 2 Samuel 7: 16,25-26)

23. What did David know was true? (Read 2 Samuel 7:28)

**B. Resolving to Keep Dreaming. David didn't give up on God just because God had told him no about this one thing. David wanted to find other ways to please the Lord.**

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