



Fulfilling your ministry of being called to be ~ Part 2

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Learning how to be from David ~ 1



- **1 Samuel 24: 1 - 8**

1 ¶ When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.”

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats’ Rocks.

3 And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.



Learning how to be from David ~ 2



- **1 Samuel 24: 1 - 8**

4 And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

5 And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

6 He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’s anointed.”



Learning how to be from David ~ 3



- **1 Samuel 24: 1 - 8**

7 So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

8 Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage.

- **Listen to this please. Had David killed Saul he would have stopped being in order to do.**
- **He would not attack Saul and neither would he allow his men to do it.**



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- **Psalm 78:22**
- **So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.**
- **Integrity of heart = Being**
- **Skilfulness of hands = Doing**
- **Acts 13:22**
And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.



Learning how to be from David ~ 5

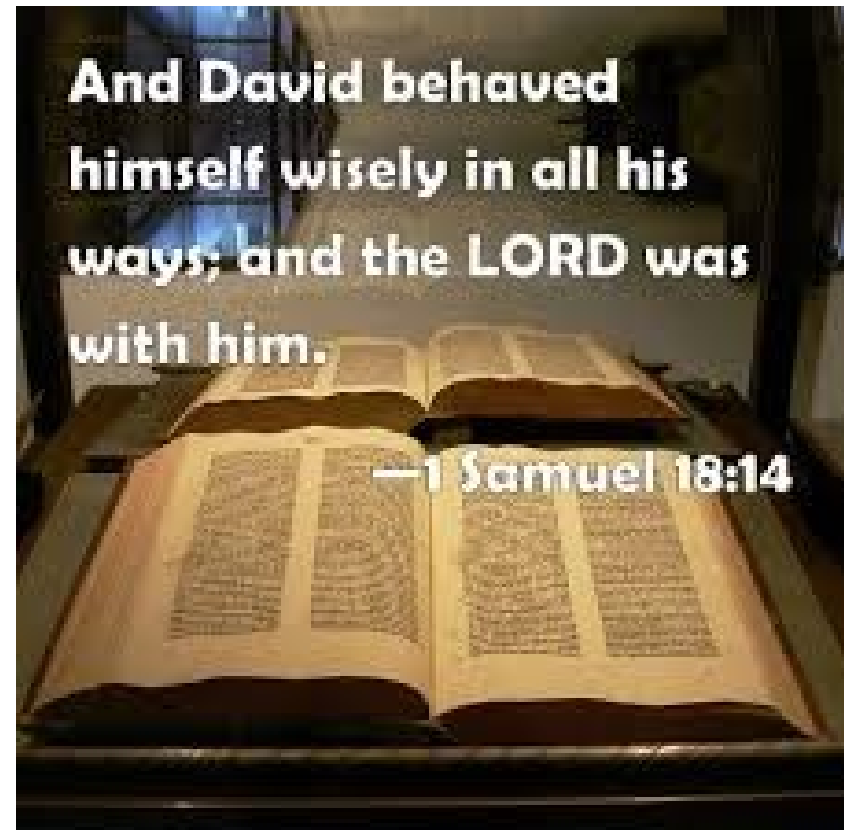


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- **1 Samuel 18:14 - 15**

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.



Do not consecrate your vices



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- **There are but too many Christians who would consecrate their vices, and follow their corrupt affections,**
 - **whose ragged humour and sullen pride must pass for Christian severity;**
 - **whose fierce wrath, and bitter rage against their enemies, must be called holy zeal;**
 - **whose petulancy towards their superiors, or rebellion against their governors, must have the name of Christian courage and resolution.**
- (Henry Scougal)**



Learning how to be from Jesus ~ 1



- **Matthew 4:3 - 10**

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"



Learning how to be from Jesus ~ 2



- **Matthew 4:3 - 10**

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"



Learning how to be from Jesus ~ 3



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- **"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (Verse 3) - Do something. Work a miracle.**
- **"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. (Verse 6) - Do something. Work a miracle.**
- **"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (Verse 9) - Do something. Stop being by worshipping me.**
- **At the centre of these three requests by Satan was the trap to make Jesus to stop being who He is.**
- **Doing something, having a ministry of doing without being was not a problem for Satan. It was for Jesus.**



We are called unto holiness - BEING



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- **1 Thessalonians 4:7**

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.



True being leads to powerful doing



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- **Hebrews 1:8 - 9**

8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your Kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

- **Let us learn to read the requirements of the Examiner before we delve into trying to answer the question.**
- **If we are going to do well we must not first start with doing. Rather, we must be and then we will receive the anointing to do.**



Every Christian has a ministry



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Please may it never be heard from you that you do not have a ministry. Every Christian has a ministry. It is to be, to be holy. You are called to be a saint.

Will this ever be said of you?



- **2 Kings 4:8 – 9 (New King James Version)**

8 ¶ Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food.

9 And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly.

- **Will you ever be called a holy man of God?**
- **Man of God? Maybe. It is used for almost everybody these days. But holy man of God?**



Recovering biblical holiness



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**Will we ever
recover true
biblical holiness
in our daily lives?
I mean real out
worked holiness?**



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The tragedy of our calling



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The fact that the anointing of God is still effective in your ministry should never be seen as prima facie evidence that you are right with God. That is the tragedy of our calling.



Sound admonishment for you



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Please cut out the foolishness from your life and therefore from your ministry as your eternal destiny is at stake. There should be no time for foolishness!

Some issues on doing without being



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- 1. To do without being produces a caricature, a masquerade and a real offence to Christian decency.**
 - 2. True being produces character and character is the plate on which you serve your gift or ministry.**
 - 3. Being that does not lead to doing is a sham, a make-believe, pseudo, not real.**
 - 4. Doing without truly being is a tragedy, a disaster and a reason for the name of God to be blasphemed. This does damage to the cause of Christ and might lead souls away from the faith.**
 - 5. To do without being is to be a walking disaster waiting to happen.**
- Let us strive to be and then God will do through us.**



A short check list on being



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- 1. How do you respond to the success of others?**
- 2. How do you respond or react to the failure of others?**
- 3. Would you joyfully help someone succeed in the things of God even if that means that others will praise them and show them in a greater light?**
- 4. Do you yearn to make others look good or the opposite?**



May this be our one true ministry



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- **2 Corinthians 2:15 New Living Translation**
Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing.
- **2 Corinthians 2:15 English Standard Version**
For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,
- **2 Corinthians 2:15 New King James Version**
For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.



Some steps in continuing to be



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- 1. One must always be in the company of the Master,**
- 2. The body must always be on the altar,**
- 3. The fire must never be allowed to go out,**
- 4. There must always be a straining after and a conforming to his image then**
- 5. Let our watchword be this "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38)**



Some attributes of being & doing



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- **Philippians 4:8 gives us a list of the “whatsoever things” of the Christian. Allow them to inform your sense of being and also your doing.**
- **Finally, brethren,**
 - 1. Whatsoever things are true,**
 - 2. Whatsoever things are honest,**
 - 3. Whatsoever things are just,**
 - 4. Whatsoever things are pure,**
 - 5. Whatsoever things are lovely,**
 - 6. Whatsoever things are of good report;**
 - 7. If there be any virtue,**
 - 8. And if there be any praise, think on these things.**



Your life should be your ministry



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**Your life should be your first ministry and calling
You should be the ministry and everything else that flows from it is a secondary product.**

