

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
LIFE'S MOST SUBTLE TEMPTATION
1 SAMUEL 24



The Heart of the Matter

We've all had to struggle through the desire to "get even." In fact, we've all acted on it at one time or another, allowing our hurt or pain to dictate our response to the words or actions of another. Too often we focus on our perceived "rights" more than we think about the well-being of others or what the right act might be. David had his own opportunity for vengeance. After being pursued by Saul all over southern Israel and with the opportunity to take his vengeance, David resisted and offered us a glimpse of what it looks like to turn the other cheek.



Discovering the Way

1. Hard Facts about Revenge

We often refer to carrying out vengeance as within our rights, but it is usually motivated by our pain and vulnerability.

2. A Biblical Case Study: David and Saul (1 Samuel 24)

David encountered Saul in a cave and had an opportunity to exact revenge. But he refrained, submitting himself once again to Saul's authority.

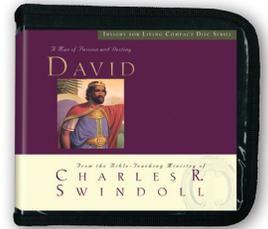


Starting Your Journey

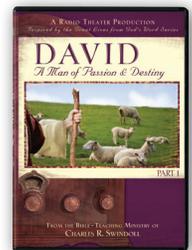
We can derive three tough principles from David's experience: first, because people are deprived, expect to be mistreated. Second, because mistreatment is inevitable, anticipate feelings of revenge. And third, because revenge is predictable, refuse to fight in the flesh.



Tools for Digging Deeper



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