

Learning from Life of David – 8/11/2019  
“Why Do Bad People Do Good Things, Or Do They?”  
1 Samuel 24

We Must Not Be In the Dark About the Capability of Human Behavior

I. Don't Be Confused By Bad People Acting Good – It is Possible  
“bad people”? – **Luke 6:32-34**

1. Saul here is a bad man going a good thing - Vss 16-21-
2. Bad People Are Capable of Acting good –  
**Romans 2:17** Mat 7:21 Vs **17 & 26:1** –  
Many are capable of very good behavior all their life but...  
WCF 16:7 –

II. Don't Be Discouraged By Good People Acting Badly – (Doing Bad Things)

1. David's men are good men doing a bad thing – Vs 4-10 22:2 vs 10
2. Good people are capable of acting badly  
Scripture examples – Noah, Abraham, Lot, David, Jonah, Peter  
Scripture warnings – 1 John 1:8-9,
3. We are sinners saved by grace, we are still sinners and tend toward two evils
  - a. We misread the promises of God  
Vs 4 & 23:17 – Promise to deliver David = warrant to kill King Saul  
Abraham and Hagar – promis as warrant to do what it takes
  - b. We misread the providence of God  
Vs 4 & 2-8 - Since it is my power it is ok to do it  
We read providential testing as “feeling led” or Open door

III. Be Instructed By Good People Acting Good

1. David is a good person doing a good thing – Vs 5  
David is a man after God's heart, seeking to glorify God, not trusting in...
2. Learn from David's example of a good man capable of great bad as he...
  - a. You only grow in godliness if you maintain a good conscience before God  
vs 5 – David has a tender conscience guided by God's Word  
Resolve there is no such thing as a “little” sin Know what sin is  
*1 Timothy 1:3-5*  
*1 Timothy 4:1-5*
  - b. You will only grow in godliness if you stop asking “How close....  
Mat 18:9-