

KING DAVID'S
KEYS TO
SUCCESS
PART ONE



“SUCCESS”

- ▶ The Hebrew word trans. “*success*” is שָׂכַל (*sâkal*)—used ≈70 times in OT.
 - It carries idea of **prospering through wisdom and understanding**.
- ▶ TWO PRIMARY MEANINGS
 - **Being successful or prospering** (cf. Josh. 1:8).
 - **Gaining wisdom and knowledge** (cf. Psa. 32:8; Prov. 16:20).



1 SAMUEL 18

“And David...**behaved himself wisely...**” (5).

“David **behaved himself wisely** in all his ways” (14).

“[David] **behaved himself very wisely...**” (15).

“...David **behaved himself** more **wisely** than any of the servants of Saul...” (30).





DEVELOP REDEEMING RELATIONSHIPS

1 SAMUEL 18:1-7

I. He found **acceptance** with the high (5).

● "David went out *wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely*" (5).

- *Willful submission* to authority.

II. He found **popularity** with the low (6,7).

● The people gave David and his men a *hero's welcome* and began a *grand celebration* (6)!



Ⓚ DEVELOP REDEEMING RELATIONSHIPS

III. He found **friendship** with the godly (1-4).

⦿ Namely, with *Jonathan*:

- The **Prince of Israel**
- A **Courageous Warrior**
- A **Man of God**
- A **Beloved Leader**

⦿ "...**the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David**, and [**he**] **loved him as his own soul**" (1).

- קָשָׁר (qâshar)—"**bound**" or "**tied**"; "*one in spirit*" (NIV)



LESSONS TO LEARN

I. It is *impossible* to live a Christian life *alone*.

- ◎ We have a “*one another*” faith.
- ◎ We, as Christians, are to be **knit to each other** (Eph. 4:11-16; Col. 2:2,19).
 - Don't look for such relationships in the *world*;
 - Look for them **in the church!**

II. God brings people into our lives that we will need in the future.

- ◎ We don't know what God has in store for the rest of our lives (cf. Jer. 29:11).
 - Whatever it is, **we will need a Jonathan!**



PROVERBS 18:24

“There are friends who may be a man’s *destruction*, but there is **a friend who sticks closer than a brother**” (BBE/ESV).

**DO YOU HAVE A
JONATHAN?**

