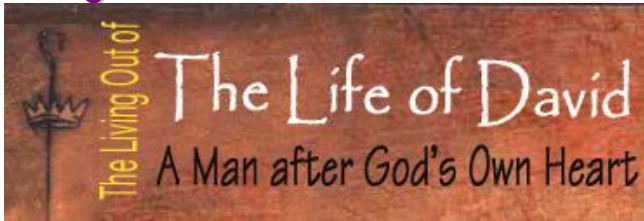




# 1 Chronicles 28:1-8

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## What are you going to be when you grow up?

- Many a young man & woman is plagued with
- Many more mature men & women – still wonder
- What is ahead—what should I do...be? Who am I?
- What is God's will for my life? Am I missing it?

## If you know or even if don't know—how do you get there?

- What do you need to do—to be what ought to be?

## These are questions will pursue today—as listen to David

- **Reminder: This is a man after God's own heart!**
  - A man who is worth hearing what has to say
- Today begin a series of “final words” of David

## Notice first who David gives this talk to v.1 - leaders

- Those who did this, doing this—understand these words
- Application— Prayerfully – this will be helpful to all
  - Wonder if those who already are pursuing – leaders, mighty – may get more today
  - Interestingly – not those who solved, but pursuing all God has....

# I. You cannot be anything you want to be

## 1. Want to tell you that this is true...but troubling

- a. Goes against much of what been told all of life

## 2. You are limited by Impossibility

- a. **Some things–can never have- humanly impossible**
  - i) You will never be a superhero – never fly
  - ii) Ladies, you will never kiss a frog – into a prince
- b. **Would be surprised to know how many dream of**
- c. But this is not real...empty, vain – impossible

## 3. You are limited Physically

- a. American lie is not true – cannot be anything you want
- b. Some kids – will never be valedictorian
- c. Some can never be a quarterback
- d. Physical design about us that limits (God is in)

## 4. You are limited Personally

- a. Some choices – now limit our course, possibility
- b. Your choices shape your life

## 5. You are limited Sovereignly

- a. **For David – God told him no to a desire**
  - i) Not because of sin...but sovereignty
  - ii) David was - by God's help a man of war
  - iii) God tells David no, yet He has for Solomon
- b. **Whether see it or not- is a sovereignty that boxes you in**
  - i) David wrote about it in Psalm 139
  - ii) Have a choice...somewhat – but not much
  - iii) Much outside of your control
  - iv) Picture it like those Disneyland cars

## II. You can be everything God wants you to be

### 1. God has a plan for your life

- a. Notice David's words—God chose, was pleased
  - i) Not something we choose...but He does
- b. Picture it as a land – a possession
  - i) Picture is like mapping out a territory, and assigning people to different parts
  - ii) Common way to describe throughout Bible

### 2. God's plan is a good plan

- a. As I tell you that life is limited for you – might be sorrowful, unless you understand this.
- b. This is good...well pleasing, pleasant.
- c. Say it this way – nothing better than this
- d. God has a different plan for you than others – but that is so good – so wonderful

### 3. God's plan is an eternal plan

- a. Notice – leave as an inheritance
- b. Impact...something left behind
- c. For me – more – eternal. Context is talking about the temple – foreshadowing heaven
- d. Only that which is for God will last

### 4. God's plan is a possible plan

- a. Notice the wording “If”, “may”
- b. Why I used the word “you can”, not you will
- c. This is not a solid promise...you can miss this
  - i) Convinced that many do.

### III. How do we become all God has for us?

#### 1. Key here – following God's Word

- a. The Key is character
- b. I have asked many for help, advice
  - i) I don't remember anyone ever giving me this
- c. Yet this is where God continually draws me to
- d. Focus on who I am w/God – let Him handle course
- e. **Spurgeon "As surely as the man wants his hour, so surely the hour wants the man... Be fit for your work, and you will never be out of it. Do not run about inviting yourselves to preach here and there; be more concerned about your ability than your opportunity, and more earnest about your walk with God than either."**
- f. **Rom 12:1-2** - Be surrendered...and you are in it
- g. Yes – need to walk through doors He opens
- h. Yes – follow His promptings, leadings
- i. But – the stress...is so much simpler...for me

#### 2. As seek to answer this – tell you is a struggle

- a. **Heard many thoughts – Include things like:**
  - i) Just try – go out and do something
  - ii) Watch others and do what they do
  - iii) Know what you want – and pursue it
- b. **Yet when I do these– confusing – like a hall of mirrors**
  - i) Constantly evaluating...with confusion
  - ii) Comparing with cardboard pinups of others
  - iii) Only get more and more confused
- c. **Simplicity of be right with God – in His will – awesome!**

### **3. Instructions for following**

- a. Now - – the focus is now, not past – “forget the past”**
  - i) This is not meant to beat you up for past
  - ii) Today, know and follow all that God has
- b. Be careful - protect what have – level attained**
  - i) Guard, hold to the level of obedience you have
- c. Seek all God’s commandments – press higher**
  - i) Grow...be pursuing God’s ways

### **4. Be right with God – and you will be in His will**

- a. Phil 3**
- b. Josh 1:6-8**

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## Conclusion

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### Note the words – the stress – the witness he lays

- Before God's people
- Before God
- I call you to this
- Christian, I call you to this.

### Before close – same is true for you if not saved

- You have a problem
- God's word is meaningless to you – **1 Cor 2:13-14**
- You first need to come to the cross **1 Cor 2:1-2**