

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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King David was called by God, “A Man after God’s own heart!” **Acts 13:22**

Let’s look at what made David this ... he was honest with God.

We approach God thinking we have to use the right words. Some of us grew up in a family that doesn’t show much emotion. The problem with that is that it leads to not being honest about how you feel about something. The best relationships are characterized by honesty.

Fear – unresolved emotion leads to unrest.

Psalm 7 1 Lord my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me, 2 or they will tear me apart like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

Gratitude

Psalm 40 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Forgotten

Psalm 42 9 I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” 10 My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where is your God?”

Jealous

Psalm 73 1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. 3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. 5 They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.

Excited

Psalm 66 1 ***Shout for joy to God, all the earth!*** 2 ***Sing the glory of this name; make his praise glorious.*** 3 ***Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.***
4 ***All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.*** 5 ***Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!***

When was the last time you just shouted out to God (all the Pentecostals out there are getting excited) about something good that happened?

Anger

Psalm 58 6 ***Break the teeth in their mouths, O God; Lord, tear out the fangs of those lions!*** 7 ***Let them vanish like water that flows away; when they draw the bow, let their arrows fall short.*** 8 ***May they be like a slug that melts away as it moves along, like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.***

Being honest with God allows you to be honest with yourself. It gives you a clean conscience. If you bring 10% of yourself to God you will only get 10% of God!

David was honest with God.

Psalm 16:2 ***I said to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.***

Application: Have you been honest with God about your fear, gratitude, forgotten, jealousy, excitement, anger? Being open and honest with God is how you have a full relationship with Him.