II Sam. 1 - Absalom

"Mr. Personality Plus"
Wonderful body -- no flaw -- beauty -- popular
Something wrong with his soul -- the spiritual person, Absalom

- 1. What kind of a person was he?
 1. Physical beauty -- attractive -- hair (8 or 9 pounds) -- hair too heavy -- beauty can be commercialized -- Use the body for the glory of God--- Bars have bee lowered -- Vashti and her husband Merxes -- Vashti invited to stand before his men -- She refused -- Lost her crown and maybe her life.

 God looks upon the heart --
 - 2. A scintillating intellect
 Sharpen your mind to a keen point -Some today use sharp minds to help destroy Bible and some to raise questions about God's Word.
 - A man with a winning personality
 This power a gift of God -- Used his talents and powers to
 win the people away from his father, King David.
 How may one use his powers?

 1. For his own selfish ends -- It is mine to use.

 2. He decided he could get along without God -- He was godless.
 - (He lied to his dad about going to worship -- He set up a revolt against David.)
- II. What made him like he was?
 1. He had a godless mother -- (daughter of a heathen king)
 What about you? Are you a true Christian mother? Mother,
 is it all right with God?
 - 2. He had a father who was too busy to give God time and his boy time. Please give some time to your children. "They made me a keeper of vineyard but - I am not."
 - 3. He was reared in a worldly atmosphere -- The world has a way of dragging us down -- They dragged him down
- III. What was the result?

 1. He brought tragedy and war and defeat for his people -
 His sin influenced others -- Sin of adultery on the roof of the palace -- Hurt others -- 8,000 died.
 - 2. Broke his father's heart -- David stayed back and prayed.

 ("O Absalom, my son, Absalom. Would God I had died for thee.")

 Are you breaking the heart of your father tonight?
 - 3. He sent his soul to hell. Joab threw three darts thru his heart and took him down and killed him.

"I wish that were the end."
He is in hell.

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