

II Sam. 1 -- Absalom

"Mr. Personality Plus"

Wonderful body -- no flaw -- beauty -- popular

Something wrong with his soul -- the spiritual person, Absalom

I. 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 been lowered -- Vashti and her husband Xerxes -- 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.
3. 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."

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