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MAKING A DIFFERENCE—THE BIBLE WAY



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**O**n Sunday, December 22, 1996, Carnell Taylor was making some bridge repairs when a truck skidded out of control and knocked him into the frigid waters below.

Joseph J. Brisson, a barge captain, saw Taylor fall and plunged into the freezing water to save him, ignoring the personal risk involved.

Brisson swam to Taylor and kept his head above the water. Nearly thirty minutes later, they were pulled to safety.

Brisson, acknowledged as a hero, said later, “I have a family. I thought about that. But I thought about how life is very important. I’m a Christian man, and I couldn’t let anything happen to him.”

This Christmas, amidst all the commercialism and “politically correct” thinking of our culture, let us likewise give of ourselves to others less fortunate. We have salvation, and the hope of eternity in Heaven with Christ. But the world still

lies in darkness. We must carry the light.

Craig Wilson has stated, “Santa Claus never died for anybody.” Let’s tell the world about the Savior Who did.

# Christmas

Inspired by His love,

Dr. L.W. Edwards

## A Man after God's Own Heart

Countless Bible characters have, in their own way, contributed to the work of the Lord. We could name them one by one from Genesis to Revelation. But God only refers to one man in particular as "a man after mine own heart." The reference applies to David. But who would have guessed David? He was the unlikeliest of model servants. Even when Samuel went to seek a king from the sons of Jesse, David's own father would not have chosen him for greatness (1 Samuel 16). David's sins were many, and among them we note adultery and murder. Still, God identified him as "a man after mine own heart." The question we all ask then is, what would cause the only all-knowing God to make such a claim about someone like David? In Acts 13:22, God summarized His selection by stating, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will." And so we ask, what is it that David did so well to fulfill God's will? Here is what we know about David.

### He Trusted God

When going to battle against Goliath, (1 Samuel 17) David spoke fearlessly, "... The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:37) This trust was not based on his circumstances. If the entire Israelite army stood in fear before the Philistine giant, from all appearances, there was little hope for a small boy like David. But David's trust was in the Lord! And although David did not write the entire book of Psalms, so many of the messages in the Psalms matched his thoughts. Examples are found in Psalm 118 and 125. David believed, as stated in Psalm 118:9, "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes." He had confidence, as expressed in Psalm 125:1, "They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever."

David's life was many times complicated by adversity. Things did not always go the way he would have desired, but he believed his victory was in his God. Such trust caused him to say, "When . . . mine enemies . . . came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell." (Psalm 27:2)

### He Delighted in the Law of God

David shared his deep feelings regarding the Word of God in Psalm 19:7-8. Here he states, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

### He Walked Humbly before God and Submitted Willingly to God's Will

It is easy to say at the close of our prayer, "Thy will be done." Yet for those desires that are great to us, we are challenged to be satisfied, even when the will of God may not be our will. When David left Jerusalem after his son Absalom's betrayal, many probably wondered if he would . . . [Keep Reading>>>](#)



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