

THE LIFE OF DAVID: PATIENTLY WAITING

1 Samuel 16.1-13, Psalm 16

At a young age, and in a very modest ceremony led by the prophet Samuel, David is surprisingly anointed as the next king of Israel. Yet, it will be another 15 years or so before David assumes the throne. Those were not wasted years, however, as God used that time to prepare David to lead God’s people.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27.14

HOW TO WAIT PATIENTLY: (David in Psalm 16)

- **P**ractise YOUR FAITH.

Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the Lord, “**You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.**”... ⁵ Lord, **you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.** Psalm 16.1-2, 5

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6.9

- **P**ray and LISTEN FOR GOD.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. Psalm 16.7

- **P**repare yourself FOR WHAT MAY BE NEXT.

You make known to me the path of life... Psalm 16.11

- **P**onder YOUR FUTURE.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. Psalm 16.6

- **P**ursue COMMUNITY.

I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.” Psalm 16.3

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up... 1 Thess. 5.11

- **P**revent IDLENESS.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16.8

Despite their desires, the lazy will come to ruin, for their hands refuse to work. Proverbs 21.25 NLT

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?