

## LESSON 25 Devotional

# A Values Driven Leader

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King David clearly demonstrates core value behavior in [Psalm 15](#):

*“Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.*”

Notice that he said the person who enjoys the presence of God and lives a blameless life is the

one who “speaks the truth from his heart” (vv. 1-2).

- **Because this person values truth in their heart, their words express truth.**
- **Because he values kindness, he “does his neighbor no wrong” (v. 3).**
- **Because he values honesty, he “keeps his oath even when it hurts” (v. 4).**
- **Because she values justice, she “does not accept a bribe against the innocent” (v. 5).**

Leaders who are driven by core values reap a great benefit from the Lord. David said they “will never be shaken.” Regardless of what may happen around them, they can live with full confidence that the right principles have shaped their values and have guided their decisions. That confidence will give them emotional and spiritual stability. It will enable them to be leaders whom God can use for his glory.

Consider what values drove the psalmist’s behavior. As you examine your own life, what values do you see as driving your behavior? Many of us hold certain values, but our actions are not governed by the things we say we hold dear. Perhaps we should start by asking ourselves what values we want to have driving our behavior. Unless we become intentional about this, we will be shaped by the values of others.

We cannot have a set of values for the office, another set for the home and a completely different set for church activities. Our goal should be to completely integrate godly values into all spheres of life.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Describe how you see your behavior reflected in Psalm 15. What do you need to change to better reflect David's core values?

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2. Can you specifically define the things you hold dear? If not, what is keeping you from defining what you hold dear?

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If you can define them, what are they?

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3. Do the things you hold dear drive all your personal actions and decisions? If so, why?

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If not, what is keeping you from following on those impulses?

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4. Are the things you hold dear part of your businesses core values? If not, why?

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5. Knowing that business core values are often crafted by decision-makers, some of whom are believers and some are not, how can you still inject your Christian values into a secular business world?

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