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*against Jehovah*” (13). There is no indication whatsoever that David ever resented Nathan for what he said. On the contrary, it is manifest that he admired and respected one so bold as to take his life in his hands to speak truth to power, reproving the adultery and murder of a sitting monarch. David named his son after the man who called him out!

Among David’s nineteen sons were four born to him of Bathshua, including Nathan and Solomon (1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 3:1-9). Bathshua, evidently, is another way of saying Bathsheba, as that was the mother of Solomon (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:24). Bathsheba’s children by David were all born after Nathan chastised the king; therefore, it is conclusive that Nathan, the son of David, was not named before the incident under consideration. It would be a peculiar coincidence if David and Bathsheba just happened to give their son the same name as the prophet who corrected them. Far more likely is that the name was chosen in honor of this good man.

Moreover, Nathan, David’s son, holds a lasting legacy because Christ is descended through him! David is actually Jesus’ ancestor on two sides. In one account, the Lord’s family tree is recorded through David’s son Solomon (Matthew 1:6); whereas, the other account is through David’s son Nathan (Luke 3:31). One genealogy would be a biological record through Mary, while the other would be a legal record through Joseph. Regardless of which way Nathan is connected to Jesus, biologically or legally, he is His forebear and that is a tremendous honor.

That David would do this thing, naming his own son, who would be a forefather of the Savior, after the prophet who confronted him in his most shameful sins reveals his character more straightforwardly than anything else. God identified David as *“a man after My own heart”* (Acts 13:22) and this action proves that fact because David – though a conquering hero, a handsome man, an accomplished musician, and a longstanding king – was able to set aside ego and humble himself, recognizing the uprightness of the one who corrected him.

It is common to dismiss rebuke as a mere opinion, or to lambast the character of the disciplinarian as unreasonable, harsh, hateful, or bigoted, but it is something else altogether to love the teacher who rebukes and esteem him honorably.

Be a David with your Nathan.

## HOW TO FIND A CHURCH

Robert Perkins

First of all, when looking for a church, it helps to have a little Bible knowledge. After all, there were several New Testament churches that God was not happy with. Not happy at all. So, it makes sense to see what kind of church God did not like.

You should want to be a member of a church that will help you grow as a Christian. That kind of church will hold you accountable for when you are falling a little short and encourage you to do better. When you do good, they’ll slap you on the back and be so proud of you and it will make you feel so good, you’ll want to do even better.

You should also want to be a member of a church that doesn’t tolerate open and willful sin. I see plenty of churches where men and women are living together outside of vows of marriage. That’s just not right. God doesn’t like it and neither should we and you shouldn’t want to be part of a church that tolerates anything like it.

When you look at a church, look at it’s people. A church ought to have people in it that have some long marriages. People who are true to their vows. Sometimes, divorce can’t be stopped, but a church should have some marriages in it that have weathered the storms. A church should be full of friendly, welcoming people. Hospitality is big with the Lord, real big. If a church doesn’t care about you when you visit, chances are she won’t ever care much about you after you are a member there. A church ought to be full of people who have great Bible knowledge. After all, it is just one book, isn’t it? God’s people should love God’s book and know it inside and out.

In short, look for a church that is producing people who look like Jesus Christ. If it’s not, then, well... it’s not much of a church.

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“People don’t like love; they like that flirty flirty feeling. They don’t love love; love is sacrificial, love is ferocious; it’s not emotive. Our culture doesn’t love love; it loves the idea of love. It wants the emotion without paying anything for it.”

– Unknown

**"WHAT MUST I DO  
TO BE SAVED?"**

ACTS 16:30

**LEARN THE GOSPEL**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

**BELIEVE IN CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

**CONFESS CHRIST**

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 3:19; 17:30

**BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"THE ASSEMBLING OF  
OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN  
ANY TRESPASS..."**

**RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

GALATIANS 6:1

**CONFESS TRESPASSES**

James 5:16; 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 8:22

**PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS**

Acts 8:22

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

**"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS  
LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN**

**SETTINGS OF SILVER"**

PROVERBS 25:11

"When you tell someone that you will pray for them, you have made a promise to speak to God on their behalf. Those are some serious words not to be taken lightly. Someone is counting on you."

– Denny Karchner

**"WHOLE COUNSEL"**

ACTS 20:27

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**"REBUKE A WISE MAN"**

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*"Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you" (Proverbs 9:8).*

Perhaps the most memorable rebuke in all of Scripture was that of Nathan revealing the iniquity of David. The king had taken Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, to his bed, resulting in pregnancy, which David intended to conceal (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11). First, he summoned the mighty warrior from the battlefield, plied him with drink, and sent him home to lie with his wife, but the noble soldier declined to return to his house while his compatriots risked their lives at war. So, David communicated with his general and arranged for Uriah to be killed in action, whereafter the king married Bathsheba, and thereby hid his sins from the people. However, nothing escaped God's attention (Ecclesiastes 12:14). The prophet carefully presented a scenario to the king, in which a wealthy man deprived a poor man of a lamb that was as dear to him as a daughter, killing and eating the cherished pet. David swiftly pronounced a sentence of death, but Nathan shot back, *"You are the man!"* (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:7). The prophet relayed all that David had done, specifying, *"You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife" (9).*

King David could have denied the accusation. He could have beaten, jailed, or executed his accuser. Instead, he confessed, *"I have sinned"*  
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