



Pastor's Message

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Perhaps, it's time for a reminder from The Holy Bible, specifically 2 Samuel 12.

Nathan the prophet was sent by God to King David. The prophet said to him, "There were 2 men in a certain town. One was rich and one was poor. The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate, and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, He took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest.

Now, after King David heard this, he was furious. As surely as the Lord lives, he vowed, any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! Then Nathan said to King David, "You are that man!"

Why was he "that man?" King David had many wives. However, he wanted Bathsheba—the only wife of Uriah, a soldier in the king's army. After committing adultery with her, she became pregnant. King David then arranged for Uriah's death, thinking he would never be found out. That is, until he was confronted by Nathan. King David was so quick to cast judgment on the rich man in the story and condemn him to death. But, he missed the obvious. His own serious fault!

Much too quickly, we could find fault with someone else. Then, precipitously pass judgment on that person. Meanwhile, unfortunately, we may do so quite blind and deaf to our own faults.

How embarrassing it was for King David to be quite blind and deaf to his own faults! Please try to avoid the same embarrassing moment happening in your life. Believe me, I've been there! It is humiliating.

"An act of charity is like being a little blind to the faults of others, because of the memory so well, of one's own wrongdoing." Charles Spurgeon.

Peace,
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