Lesson 17: 2 Samuel 7

February 1, 2006

I. David's Plan for God's House

Principle: Deep gratitude toward God causes us to want to do great things for God.

Questions:

- I. In what ways would people see your deep gratitude to God in your life? How would someone who knows you well describe your "attitude of gratitude" to God?
- 2. What do you do when you rest? Do you allow yourself time to sit back and reflect on your God?
- 3. Who do you choose to spend time with when you are in a season of rest?

II. David's Plan Rejected

Principle: Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Questions:

- I. What "houses" have you been trying to build without God's permission? Are you involved in ministries God hasn't put you in?
- 2. How do you handle it when God says "no" to your plans?
- 3. Are you hurt when other people seem to being doing the "big" stuff for God? Are you willing to have the idea but not execute it?

III. God's Plans For David's House

Principle: God's plans for His people far exceed our own plans, and His plans are not confined to time.

Ouestions:

- I. How has God surprised you with greater plans than you had imagined?
- 2. How has God turned your desire to bless someone else into a wonderful blessing for you?

IV. God's Plan Received

Principle: True faith is expressed in humble acceptance, gracious worship and exuberant praise of God and whatever His plans are for us.

Ouestions:

I. How is your prayer life? Do you put the King of kings on the throne and bow down to Him in deep and exuberant praise?

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