

Who's Your Nathan?

(2 Samuel 12:1-14)

- Introduction:
1. Nathan was an Old Testament prophet in the time of David.
 2. He was a trusted advisor to the King.
 - a. (2 Samuel 7:2).
 - b. (1 Kings 1).
 - c. (2 Samuel 12).
 3. Let's examine a few reasons why we need a "Nathan" in our lives.

I. He Safeguards Your Future.

- A. (2 Samuel 7:2).
- B. David wanted to build a house for God, but through revelation, Nathan learned that this was not what would please God.
- C. Nathan didn't keep quiet, but instead instructed David not to build the house.
- D. Who gives you spiritual direction?
- E. Who steers you from that which is not pleasing to God?
- F. We don't need "flatterers," we need friends.
- G. (Proverbs 29:5).

II. He Safeguards Your Legacy

- A. (1 Kings 1:11-14).
- B. Adonijah had usurped the throne when David was old and about to die.
- C. It was Nathan who remembered David's promise and secured David's legacy.

III. He Rebukes Your Sin

- A. (2 Samuel 12).
- B. We need a friend who will point a finger in our face when we need to be corrected.
- C. (Proverbs 5:12-14; 27:6).

- Conclusion:
1. Who is the person in your life who will:
 - a. Steer you toward good.
 - b. Turn you from evil.
 - c. And rebuke you for your mistakes?
 2. Find that person. You need him/her.
 3. Also, become that person for someone else.