

**“Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor Don and the FBC Family”**  
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- ✓ **1 Chronicles 12:1-13:14.** The rise of David.
- ✓ **1 Timothy 6:11-21.** Flee the love of money and pursue virtue.
- ✓ **Psalm 81:1-82:8.** Our battle or God’s battle?

**COMMENTS:**

**1 Chronicles 12:1-13:14.** This section provides us with a look at the rise of David from the time he was a fugitive on the run from Saul (12:1). Note all of the men who came to David because they respected him as a man of God as per 12:18. Note David’s focus on the Lord in 12:18 and the closing section of 13:1-4. During this time of David’s life, when he was being hunted by King Saul, it would have been easy for him to lose control. However, due to the Lord’s strength he was able to rise above it all in a way that drew other men to him. He was not just a leader of great men, but a godly leader of great men. Rather than letting fear drive him, David drives out fear in the name of His God. This was only possible because of His love for the Lord. We can see that love manifested in the closing section when he sought to recover the ark that symbolized God, God’s work among them, and God’s very presence. David understood that God was always seeking a second person relationship with him and so he responded in kind: Psalm 27:8 *When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."* David was the kind of believer that if God appeared to him and said, ‘What one thing would you like for Me to grant you?’ David would respond with, ‘Just more of You Lord, just more of You.’ Such an attitude was the source of David’s gifts of natural virtues, supernatural virtues, and theological virtues—it is the secret to live with the Lord: Acts 13:22 *"And when He had removed him (Saul), He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'*

**1 Timothy 6:11-21.** Timothy is exhorted to flee the love of money spoken of in the preceding context. He must not even desire to be rich (6:9). No pastor-teacher should be in it for the money. Paul is not condemning money as such. What he is rejecting is this-world mindset, laying up treasure on earth (cf., Matt 6:19–21). Believers should not desire to have more money or goods than they or their children will ever need. Paul doesn’t tell Timothy *how* to flee these things. Most likely he means that Timothy should not allow his mind to dwell on riches, nor should he allow a desire to accumulate possessions and money keep him from giving generously. Instead of pursuing money, Paul gives Timothy 6 things to pursue: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, fortitude and gentleness. These 6 virtues come in three pairs. Note the last pair of fortitude regardless of the circumstances of life *and* gentleness in dealing with others. It is easy to be tough, but it is impossible to be tough and gentle apart from the Lord. All of these are supernatural virtues are based on being partakers of the nature of God: see 2 Pet. 1:4ff. In these virtues the believer actually shares in the attributes of God.

**Psalm 81:1-82:8.** This psalm summons the Israelites to celebrate the Lord. The history of the Exodus generation is recounted, beginning with God's act of grace in delivering them from the slavery of Egypt to their rejection of Him in the desert. Their rejection consisted of doing things their own way, which is an outright rejection of the Person of God Himself: Psalm 81:11 *"But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me."*<sup>12</sup> *So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels.* God has so much better for His people, but we are often determined to do things our own way and fight our own battles in spite of the fact that God stands by to take care of them Himself: Psalm 81:13 *"Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!"*<sup>14</sup> *I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries.*

***Romans 11:36*** *For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

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