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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update
- **Today's topic: Who are your role models?**



After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'
 --Acts 13:22

We all need and have role models, from the past and present. As we enter the new year, let's examine who we look up to as our role models as believers in general and leaders in particular. Sometimes it's easier to have role models from the past--because we're not directly exposed to their quirks and weaknesses. Over the holidays, I read a book on David the Shepherd King by W. Phillip Keller that was illuminating about one of my role models for decades. According to this book:

--**David was not perfect.** He was a passionate man with lights and shadows in his character. But, he was a man totally available to God and His purposes. Are you?

--**David had a humble and contrite spirit** sensitive to the Holy Spirit. A broken heart is a will that has been trained and disciplined to do God's will. It means to be harnessed or yoked. Are you laying down your life, strength, time, money, and ambition for Him and others?

--**David had a remarkable capacity to repent of his wrongs** whenever he became acutely aware that he had sinned against God. He knew his personal responsibilities and when he failed in them, he took the steps to put things right with God and man. Do you? Such a person the Lord picks up over and over.

--**David realized he was a gifted person.** He knew he had been endowed with special talents from God. He refused to bury them in oblivion. Think about it. David was a gifted musician, a talented composer, an outstanding statesman, a fearless and brilliant military man, an astute financier, a deep spiritual person, and a prophet who spoke for God. Are you burying your talents?

--**David was a generous man,** and was fruitful for the Lord well into his 60s to the end of his life. Are you?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of learning from role models?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by proactively learning from role models?										
What specific actions can you take to learn from role models?										

- Next meeting on January 21
- Other news
- Closing prayer