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But as the Ark of the LORD entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him. They brought the Ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the LORD. When he had finished his sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies. Then he gave to every Israelite man and woman in the crowd a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people returned to their homes. When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!"

#### The Positive Reflection of the Individualist

- 1. He truly believed his <u>purpose</u> was to change the world.
- 2. He refused to do things like everyone else.
- 3. He was deeply <u>emotional</u> and desired real connection with God and others.
- 4. He was deeply aware of his good, bad and ugly traits.

The Problem – "He fantasized about the unattainable" = Envy

### 2 Samuel 6:21-23 (NLT)

David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the LORD, who chose

me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the LORD, so I celebrate before the LORD. Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!" So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.

## The Negative Reflection of the Individualist

- 1. He felt superior to everyone else.
- 2. He believes his fantasies excuse his actions.
- 3. He struggled at times with self-obsession that led to depression.
- 4. He was often looking for the <u>ideal</u> love and perfect circumstances.

### The Pro – "He didn't care what anyone thought" = Expressive

#### Psalm 139:14 (NLT)

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

#### The Best Reflection of the Individualist

## Mark 2:26b-28 (NLT)

"...and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions." Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

Jesus was the greatest individualist to walk the earth. He was truly the only one of his kind and remained unafraid and unwavering to live a counter-cultural life and die an incomprehensible death.

#### **Healthy Individualist**

- <u>Embrace</u> their uniqueness, but without a <u>superiority</u> complex.
- <u>Dream</u> big, but live practically.
- <u>Love beauty</u>, self-expression and honesty without losing touch with reality.
- Resist depression through the company of <u>positive</u> <u>people</u>.

What you accomplish or don't accomplish does not define your value. You're a unique creation of God with unparalleled gifts, so use them to love God and serve others.

Fours need me to love and appreciate their:

- Search for significance and self-expression.
- Creativity and constant compassion.
- Emoting personality and empathetic lifestyle.

# Pastor Rick's Reading List

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