

A PORTRAIT OF PRIDE: KING SAUL

- A. The EXPLANATION of True HUMILITY vs. PRIDE.
- B. The EGOTISTICAL AREAS of PRIDE.
- C. The EXPRESSIONS of PRIDE.
- D. The EXAMPLES of PRIDE.

#1: KING SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

a. The ACCEPTANCE of SAUL as KING. (1 Samuel 8-12)

1. He began his reign with _____. (9:21)

* Is this important in God's eyes?

2. He had the _____ come upon him. (10:6-13; 11:5-6)

* Was this different in the Old Testament than it is today?

3. He expressed genuine _____ in the Lord. (11:11-13; 12:1-5)

* Why is this significant?

4. He is given _____ by the Lord. (11)

* What can you learn from this?

The walk of the believer is a day by day, moment by moment issue. And _____ does not guarantee that you'll _____ the Christian life _____. When you shift from a _____ attitude to a _____ posture, you are headed for personal _____ in your Christian life.

b. The REJECTION of SAUL as KING. (1 Samuel 13-15)

1. Due to pride, he rejected _____ will for his own _____. (13:8-9)

* What are some ways that you do this today?

2. **Due to pride, he _____ his sin, instead of _____ it. (13:10-12)**

* How can this be done?

3. **Due to pride, he _____ serious consequences for the sin he had _____. (13:13-14)**

* Do you take sin seriously?

* What reality must you learn to accept?

4. **Due to pride, he viewed total obedience to God's will as _____, instead of _____. (15:1-9)**

* How do you view obedience to God's will?

5. **Due to pride, he becomes _____ instead of perceiving reality from _____ perspective. (15:10-23)**

* How did Saul justify his sin?

* How do you respond to God's correction in your life?

* How does God view self-righteousness, rebellion, and stubbornness?

6. **Due to pride, he confessed his sin with _____ motives, not for _____ reasons. (15:24-30)**

* What was still the bottom-line for Saul?

* What place does the flesh have in doing God's will?

* How does all this apply to you?