

Text: 1 Samuel 14:24 – 15:35
Topic: Selfishness. Obedience.
Series: Book of 1 Samuel

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Convenient Christianity

Avoiding the Perils of Self-Centered Religion



1. Beware of _____ (14:24-52)

2. Never _____ (15:1-35)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.

1. A. W. Tozer once admonished, *"Christians, and especially active ones, should take time out frequently to search their souls to be sure of their motives."* What "Christian activities" are you involved in regularly, and how easily can your motives in these activities shift to something self-serving? Be specific.

What does 1 Corinthians 4:5 do to motivate you to reevaluate the "why" behind these Christian activities?

2. Much of the anemic evangelism propagated today is a reflection of our society's consumer mentality. How does Jesus' approach in Luke 9:23-24 compare to the popular gospel message of our day?

In what ways have you subtly advanced the "come-to-Jesus-for-what-you-can-get" message?

3. In what areas of your life do you reflect the "partial obedience" of King Saul described in 1 Samuel 15?

Saul attempted to excuse his partial obedience by rationalizing that he would be able to "give more back to God." What excuses have you used in your area of partial obedience?

4. Memorize 1 Samuel 15:22 and write out a commitment to reject "convenient Christianity."