

"A Man After God's Own Heart"



1. "Tall, Dark and Handsome" (1 Samuel 7-15)

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Israel's First King: The dangers of "success"

Think of the popular people in high school. The football quarterback, the class president, the cheerleader, the homecoming queen. From the world's point of view they started out well. Did they always finish well?

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Samuel's leadership	Israel demands a king	Sauls' Beginnings			Samuel's farewell address	Sauls' Blunderings		
		Called	Crowned	Confirmed		Irreverence	Arrogance	Disobedience

I Samuel 13:8-14

Saul had so much going for him.

1. From a good family (9:1)
2. From the tribe of Benjamin (9:1)
3. Tall and good looking (9:2)
4. Obedient to his father (9:3-5)
5. Treats servant civilly (9:5-10)
6. Respectful to Samuel (9:17-27)
7. Chosen by God (9:16)
8. Apparently humble (9:21)
9. God changed his heart (10:9)
10. Spirit came mightily on him (10:10)
11. Not ambitious at first (10:22)
12. Not vengeful at first (10:27)
13. Showed leadership (11:1-11)
14. Man of action (11:6-7)
15. Not a womanizer
16. No overt idolatry

So what was the problem? What went wrong?

No _____ for _____

- He didn't really _____ the Lord
- He didn't _____ God
- Perfected his _____ rather than his repentance

What do you need to be a real success from God's point of view?

Break up your _____,

for it is time to _____ the Lord,
until He comes to rain righteousness on you. (Hosea 10:12)

