

Life Lessons From 1 Samuel  
The Tragedy of A Life of Disobedience  
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This tragic event reminds us that....

**Partial obedience is still disobedience**

(1 Sam 15:1-9; Exo 17:8-16; Gen 12:3; Deut 29:16-18;  
Gen 15:12-16; 2 Peter 3:9)

- It is not always easy to obey God's commands  
(vs 1-6; Luke 9:23)
- God's Word is to be obeyed completely  
(vs 7-9; Psalm 119:4-5)

**We need to be vigilant concerning our pride**

(1 Sam 15:10-12; Prov 16:18)

- Our sin grieves God (vs 10-11; Eph 4:30)
- Pride robs God of His glory (v 12; Isa 42:8)

**We must guard our hearts against the deceptiveness  
of sin (1 Sam 15:13-19 Jer 17:9; Heb 3:13)**

- Sin deceives us into justifying our disobedience  
(vs 13-16; Prov 16:2)
- Sin blinds us to the goodness of God and the truth  
about ourselves (vs 17-19; Rom 2:4)

**Our sacrifices to God are meaningless apart from  
obedience to His Word**

(1 Sam 15:20-35; Psalm 51:16-17)

- Rejecting God's Word is rebellion against God  
(vs 20-23; 1 Thess 4:8)
- The consequence of sin may be enduring and painful  
(vs 24-31; Gal 6:7-8)

**Life Lessons:**

1. God gives us everything we need to have a  
thriving spiritual life, but we can miss out on that by our  
own foolish choices.
2. God desires from us a heart that is humble and  
growing in obedience to His Word.
3. Spiritual leaders must first be followers of God.
4. Partial obedience to God's Word is, in truth, really  
disobedience