

Life Lessons From 1 Samuel  
*The Downward Spiral of a Hard Heart*  
1 Samuel 28:1-25 (page 205)

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- If we reject God's Word, He will take it away from us  
(1 Sam 28:1-6; Prov 1:28-31; Matt 13:12)
- If we continue to reject God's counsel, we will end up  
pursuing darkness (1 Sam 28:7-14; Deut 18:9-13;  
Rom 1:21-23)
- God's truth does not change to fit my desires  
(1 Sam 28:15-19; Dan 3:16-18; Acts 1:6-8)  
\*\*I am persuaded that God brought this final word of  
judgment to a king who insisted on going his own  
way. (vs 15-19; Num 23:21-35)
- There is a point where we will suffer the  
consequences of our sin  
(1 Sam 28:21-25; 1 Cor 5:1-5)

**Life Lessons:**

1. When God's Word becomes unpleasant to us, we begin  
to find it easy to look for answers in wrong places.  
(Rom 1:18-23)
2. If we stubbornly rebel against God, He will stop revealing  
Himself and His will to us (Rom 1:28-32)
3. If we continue living in constant, willful rebellion,  
there is a point of "*no return*" where God ceases to convict  
us, but allows us to go our own way.  
(Rom 1:24; 1 Tim 1:18-20; 1 John 5:13-17)
4. We are to seek the Lord, abide in Christ and obey His  
word. (Isa 55:6; Matt 6:33; John 15:5-8; 1 Sam 15:22;  
John 14:23)