

**Joshua: A Time For Action
The Danger of Self-Sufficiency
Joshua 9:1-27 (page 154)**

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I must ...

- **realize that I am s u s c e p t i b l e to deception
(9:1-13)**

I can be *deceived* by...

- the c r a f t i n e s s of others (v 3-4a; 2 Cor 2:11)
- what I s e e (vs 3-5; 2 Cor 11:14)
- what I h e a r (vs 6-13; John 8:44)

- **learn to seek God's c o u n s e l in every situation
(9:14-15)**

It is in my *best interest* ...

- not to take matters into my o w n hands
(v 14; Eph 6:10-18; 1 Cor 10:12)
- to consult G o d for direction (v 15; Prov 3:5-6)

- **live with the c o n s e q u e n c e s of my decisions
(9:16-25)**

I am to...

- k e e p my word no matter what popular o p i n i o n
may be (vs 16-20; Num 30:2)
- use my m i s t a k e s to move f o r w a r d with God
(vs 21-25)

- **trust God to work g o o d from the situation (9:26-27)**

God is able to turn a p r o b l e m into a b l e s s i n g
(v 27)