

SINNERS SEEKING HONOR



I SAMUEL 15:1-30

I. After choosing to modify God's command, Saul set up a monument (I Samuel 15:1-12).



- What is wrong when we try to measure our own success?
- What happens when we try to set up monuments to ourselves?

II. After being approached with his sin, Saul chose to argue (v.13-21).

- What had God brought Saul from —and to what did He bring him?
- How does the man of God respond to Saul's self-justification?
- What attitude moves us to argue when our sin has been exposed?



III. After having his sin clarified, Saul tried to justify himself (v.22-25).



- How is 'modified obedience' a rejection of God's word?
- What is wrong when we try to justify our sinful actions?

IV. After learning what his sin would cost him, Saul still sought honor (v.26-30).

- After learning he would lose the kingdom, why ask Samuel to walk with him?
- How can we grow in our desire to honor God instead of seeking our own honor?



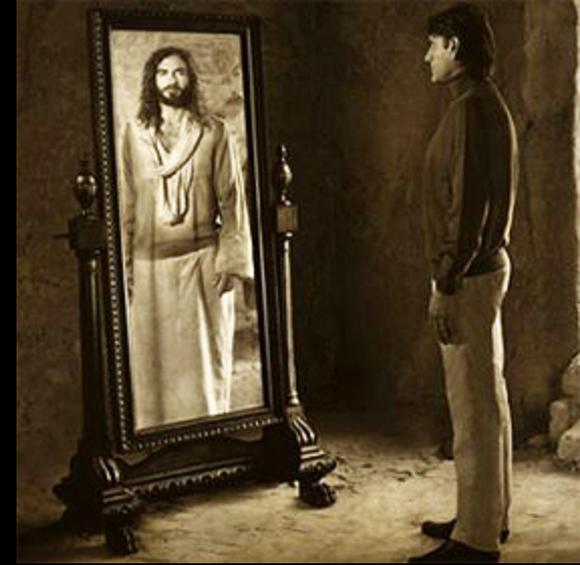
V. We must develop a desire to honor God and others (John 8:54).



- How are our attempts at glorifying ourselves self-destructive?
- How has and how does God glorify His people?

Call to Action: To seek to honor God instead of striving to receive honor.

- Why is it so wrong if we modify God's commands?
- How should we respond when confronted with our sin?
- Why shouldn't we try to justify ourselves?
- If you want others to see you doing good, what is wrong?
- What will help us to focus on honoring God and others?



-How can we help?