

Saul - The PROUD/ARROGANT Heart
Matters of the Heart – Pt. 4
1 Samuel 13
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1 Samuel 13:1, *Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned over Israel forty- two years. ² Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Mikmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent back to their homes.*

1 Samuel 9:16, *“About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over my people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me.”*

1 Samuel 13:3, *Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba, and the Philistines heard about it. Then Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land and said, “Let the Hebrews hear!” ⁴ So all Israel heard the news: “Saul has attacked the Philistine outpost, and now Israel has become obnoxious to the Philistines.” And the people were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.*

1. People of Godly Character ENCOURAGE Others

Romans 12:10, *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

Matthew 5:16, *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

2. People of Godly Character Bring Glory to GOD

1 Samuel 13:5, *The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Mikmash, east of Beth Aven. ⁶ When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. ⁷ Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.*

3. People of Godly Character STAND FIRM and TRUST the Lord When Attacked by the Enemy

1 Peter 5:8, *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith...*

1 Samuel 13:7, *Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.⁸ He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter.*

1 Samuel 13:9, *So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." And Saul offered up the burnt offering.*

4. People of Godly Character OBEY God's Word

John 14:21, *Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me...*

1 Samuel 13:10, *Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.*

1 Samuel 13:11, *"What have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, "When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash,¹² I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."*

5. People of Godly Character CONFESS Their Sin and Accept the Consequences

Psalms 32:5, *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Proverbs 3:34, *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

1 Samuel 13:13, *"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.¹⁴ But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own*

heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

Acts 13:22, *After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'*

6. People of Godly Character Have a Desire to Do EVERYTHING the Lord Requires