

Make a Difference!

Learning to Be the Kind of Person That God Loves to Bless



1. Tune In _____ (2:12-17)

2. Be Willing _____ (2:18-36)

3. Get Ready _____ (3:1 – 4:1a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.

1. Jesus is intent on his people being "salty" wherever he places them (Mt.5:13). Identify the areas of your life where God has given you a level of influence? Where has he placed you that offers you some potential to make a difference for him?

In light of God's concern that we maintain a "sanctifying effect" on the environment in which we are placed, how well would you say you are doing? How big of an impact are you having on those around you?

Here are a few books that may prove helpful in your personal study of 1 Samuel.

Baldwin, Joyce G. *1 & 2 Samuel*. Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries, vol.8. Downers Grove: InterVarsity. 1998. *(Simple, brief, and concise.)*
Bergen, Robert D. *1, 2 Samuel*. The New American Commentary, vol.7. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers. 1996. *(Fairly in-depth but easily read, good insights, and helpful footnotes.)*
Keil, C.F., and F. Delitzsch. *The Books of Samuel*. Commentary on the Old Testament, vol.2. Peabody: Hendrickson. 1996. *(In-depth linguistic comments and historical insights.)*
Youngblood, Ronald F. *1, 2 Samuel*. Expositor's Bible Commentary, ed. Frank E. Gaebelin, vol.3. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. 1992. *(Very concise but helpful in many 1 Samuel passages; endnotes are fairly technical.)*

2. Think for a moment and attempt to itemize current compromises that have crept into the arenas of your life (i.e. home, work, etc.).
3. What sacrifices do you think will be involved in confronting and correcting compromise in your spheres of influence?

What sacrifices do you think will be involved in confronting and correcting compromise in personal areas of your own life?

4. How have you seen God step in to strongly support you when you have stood up for what is right in a particular situation where there had been compromise?
5. Memorize this verse: "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." (2 Chronicles 16:9a)