

# Saul: Good Lessons from a Bad Example

1 Samuel 12:24, 15:22,26 (ESV)

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## 1. God created Saul to bless him.

1 Samuel 12:24<sup>24</sup> Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

John 10:10<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

1 Peter 2:16<sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

2 Corinthians 3:17<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

## 2. Saul chooses not to follow God's directions.

1 Samuel 15:22<sup>22</sup> “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.”

Isaiah 53:6<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

James 3:9–10<sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Colossians 3:23<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

Matthew 6:24<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

1 Corinthians 10:31<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

### **3. Saul misses out on God's blessing.**

1 Samuel 15:26b<sup>26</sup> “For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.”

John 10:10<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.