

Ichabod = No glory

I. SAMUEL THE PERSON I Samuel 12:2-5

A. A man of integrity Psalm 26:1-11 **Characteristics of integrity:**

1. Walk in truth vs. 1,3, Galatians 5:16-17 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Vs. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*
2. Separated from the world vs. 4-5, II Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you.*
3. Love church vs. 6-8, Hebrews 10:25 *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. **Compass** = **center** Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.*
4. Encourages me I Kings 9:4 *And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in*

integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments.

B. Man of prayer I Samuel 7:9

1. Considered it a sin not to pray **His name means “Heard of God”** I Samuel 12:19,23

2. God calls him a man of prayer Psalm 99:6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. Jeremiah 15:1 Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be* toward this people: cast *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth.

C. He was a servant I Samuel 3:1, Philippians 2:5-7 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

II. SAMUEL THE PARENT I Samuel 8:1-6 **Great man of integrity – Lousy father** Proverbs 20:7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him. **Started with hope – Joel = Jehovah is God & Abiah = Worshipper of God** Revelation 3:1 I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

A. Should have known better I Samuel 3:11-18

1. Saul's son turned out better I Samuel 23:16, Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
2. Not as bad as Eli's kids, but not our criteria! "Vile... lay with women in church... not restrained" Don't raise good kids – godly kids Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

B. He knew the Word – Did he teach it to his children?

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Bonsai plant

1. From a child II Timothy 3:14-17
2. Live it! II Timothy 1:5-6 One of the best young men in Bible from single-parent home. I Timothy 4:12,16
 - a) Wise unto salvation John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
 - (1) Raised in a Christian home doesn't make you a Christian Romans 10:9-10,13
 - (2) Not a Christian because you are good Ephesians 2:8-9

C. Did he discipline his kids in love? I Samuel 15:35

1. Need to discipline I Samuel 3:13, 2:22-25

2. Do it in love Hebrews 12:5-11

D. He was busy I Samuel 13:8 1st mention of them.

Didn't even know he had kids till chapter 12

1. Redeem the time Eph. 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Especially hard if in the military or working 2 jobs – but... Quality or Quantity – BOTH!!

2. All the time Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Have to spend time with them

III. SAMUEL THE PROPHET Acts 13:20 And after that he gave *unto them* judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

A. Open vision Proverbs 29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

B. Message

1. Repentance I Samuel 7:3

2. Obedience I Samuel 15:22-25, II Corinthians 7:9-11

I Samuel 8:6-8 Can blame other people for rejecting God