

We Make
CHOICES



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And Saul said ...the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed. I Sam. 15:15b

- ❖ **Why do we make excuses for our wrong choices?**
- ❖ **Why do we try to reason with God?**
- ❖ **Why do we lie when we are confronted with truth?**

1 Sam 15:20-25

20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

22 So Samuel said: "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 heed than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

I. The Mind Game

II. The Blame Game

III. The Shame Game

Truth or Consequences

- **“Failure to give complete obedience is rebellion”**
- **What God has for you, He now withholds**
- **No genuine repentance; just your own will hinders God’s blessings**

We make Good Choices when we are:

- 1. Sound in mind, 2 Tim. 1:7**
- 2. Spiritually discipline, Luke 10:41-42**
- 3. Seeking to please God, Prov. 16:7; 2 Cor. 5:7**
- 4. Staying positive, Ps. 119:165; Isa. 26:3; Phil. 4:8**
- 5. Smiling, Ps. 1; Prov. 14:12-14; 15:13**
- 6. Speaking the truth in love, Prov. 12:25; Eph. 4:15; Col. 4:6**
- 7. Sharing our faith, Prov. 11:30**