

SINS OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION

1. Text: I Samuel 15:22-25
2. Vacation Bible School:
3. Three lessons on the three kings of the United Kingdom:
4. Term we use: Sins of omission and commission. Is that a biblical approach? Things we should do and don't; things we shouldn't do but do.
5. The first king of Israel, Saul, illustrates these perfectly, and lets see two incidents that illustrate them but first some ground work.

I. The Mission

1. Our mission in life should be to live in obedience to God's will.
2. That was Jesus' mission: John 6:38 I have come down from heaven to do the will of Him who sent me.
3. Ecclesiastes 12:13 Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man.
4. Matthew 7:21 The one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.
5. I John 2:17 He who does the will of God abides forever.
6. Matthew 28:20 We are to obey or observe all He commanded us.
7. What is not our mission?

II. The Commission

1. See I Samuel 13:7-14. Saul commits sin by doing what he had no right to do: offering sacrifices to the Lord.
2. Verse 11: Samuel says, "What have you done?"
3. His answers with various excuses: expediency (It just needed to be done); emergency (verse 11: The people were scattered from me); blame (You did not come, Samuel); the enemy or opposition (The Philistines will come down on me: verse 12); emotions (verse 12: I felt compelled)
4. Samuel's reply: You've done foolishly (verse 13) and you have not kept the commandment of the Lord.
5. Saul committed a deliberate act of disobedience.
6. Application:

III. Omission

1. See I Samuel 15:3,9-24. Saul was to utterly destroy the Amalekites. He failed to do that. To omit means to pass over, neglect, fail in doing.
2. Verse nine is key: Saul and the people were "unwilling" to destroy them.
3. Saul did not obey (verse 11 from God) but he claims twice. (verses 13 and 20) He rationalized to believe he did.
4. Was it ok because that omitted was to be a sacrifice to the Lord? No.
5. Key question: Why did you not obey the voice of the Lord? (verse 19)
6. Famous lesson: To obey is better than sacrifice. (verse 22)
7. Final truth: I feared the people and obeyed their voice. (verse 24)
8. Application:

Conclusion:

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