



Lesson #3: Rebellion (1 Samuel 8:1-4)

In his book, *Already Gone*, author Ken Ham gives these startling statistics:

- _____% of today's young adults who were once regular church attendees are now "_____."
- _____% of those who were spiritually active in high school maintain a similar level of commitment

It goes without saying that man lives in _____ to his creator. All one has to do is turn on the television and he can witness firsthand the depravity of man. Even better, all one has to do is turn his attention to his own _____ and he can see up close the personal wickedness that lives there. At the beginning of 1 Samuel 8 we read of the two sons of Samuel rejected the example of their father and chose to live in open rebellion.

GODLY _____ DOES NOT GUARENTEE GODLY _____

Godliness is not _____.

A. A _____ father

Samuel had dedicated to the things of the Lord from his very childhood. Samuel must have loved his sons and wished them to group up in the ways of the Lord because he gave them both names that reflect their godly heritage.

- *Joel* – "Jehovah is _____"
- *Abiah* – "Jehovah is _____"

When we you examine the OT you see three men against whom there is no indictment: Joseph, Daniel, and _____. Joel and Abiah obviously had a great example to follow in their own father.

B. A pair of _____ Sons

Despite the incredible testimony of their dad, Joel and Abiah "*walked not in his ways.*" Their example demonstrates very clear that the only guarantee you have to get passed down from your parents is you _____.

GODLY _____ DOES NOT GUARENTEE GODLY _____

"*He made his sons judges in Israel*" (v. 3)

A. Your _____ does not give you a godly testimony

Joel and Abiah had great advantages. They had heard from their father as he trained them for ministry. Their teacher was *the* most qualified professor of how to live righteously in all of Israel.

B. Your _____ in training will not give you a godly testimony

From their youth Joel and Abiah had learned from their father. He had prepared them and trained them to make them judges over Israel. They are unique because they experienced an education like none other. They knew what to do. They had learned all this from their childhood – They _____!

UNGODLY _____ WILL IMPACT UNGODLY _____

"*They turned aside after lucre and took bribes*" (v. 3)

A. Your responsibility is tied to your _____ of revelation

That little phrase "*turned aside*" is very important here. It tells us that Joel and Abiah were once headed in a right direction but they turned around. Your own conscience needs to be aware and awakened to a _____ of God and the realization that you will one day stand before the judgement seat of Christ to give an account of the things does in your body whether they be good or whether they be evil.

B. Other's _____ can be a result of your wrong actions

"*All the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came unto Samuel ... (and said) now make us a _____ to judge us like all the nations.*" Eli's kids had disappointed them and now Samuel's kids had disappointed them. They were sick of the PK's (prophet's kids) messing thins up so they wanted a king!

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

The Spirit of God records the names of Joel and Abiah and He doesn't record their names with gold stars next to them for their perfect Sunday School attendance. He records their names and says, "*They walked _____ in the ways of their _____*" and the Spirit of God holds them responsible as he will hold you responsible.

God wants you to _____ from your rebellion and _____ to Him.