

# Common Responses To Being Wrong

(1 Samuel 15:1-4,17-24)

- Introduction:
1. We've all lived long enough to know that we have all made our fair share of mistakes.
  2. As hard as we may try, we are not perfect.
  3. (Romans 3:9-10).
  4. The question is not, "Will we make mistakes," the question is, "What are we going to do when we make mistakes?"
  5. This lesson is intended to remind us of the attitude we ought to have when we have been wrong.

## I. You Try To Justify What Is Unjustifiable.

- A. (1 Samuel 15:18-20).
- B. Saul argued with Samuel that he had obeyed God when he hadn't.
- C. Modern attempts...
  1. I know what the Bible says, but God understands...
  2. I'm not much on quoting Scripture, but I just feel...
  3. I don't believe in a God like that...
- D. Saul learned, and so should we, that partial obedience is disobedience.

## II. You Want To Share Credit For Your Actions

- A. (1 Samuel 15:21).
- B. Remember Adam & Eve (Genesis 3:8-13).
- C. When we are unwilling to take total responsibility for our actions, it's a pretty good sign we've done something wrong.

## III. You Give A Religious Spin To Your Disobedience

- A. (1 Samuel 15:21).
- B. I don't go to church, but I watch religious programming on television.

## IV. You're More Concerned About How People Respond Than God

- A. (1 Samuel 15:24).
- B. How often do we base our decisions upon what "people" think?

- Conclusion:
1. We have all made mistakes and maybe some of us are making them right now.
  2. Don't defend, excuse, argue, get angry, or attempt to "spin" your way out.
  3. Rather humbly confess that a wrong choice was made, repent, and learn from your mistake (2 Chronicles 7:14).