

King Saul: An Insecure King

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Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

How can we love others if we don't love ourselves?

I. Self Love is (Gary Collins)

1. Accepting myself as a child of God who is lovable, valuable and capable.
2. Being willing to give up considering myself to be the center of the world.
3. Recognize my need for God's forgiveness and redemption.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT YOU?

You are wonderfully made(Ps. 139:13,14; Ephesians 2:10; Gen 1:27)

You are loved and chosen (Is. 43:4; Eph. 1:4-5; I John 3:1)

You are empowered by God's Spirit (2 Tim. 1:7; Phil. 4:13; Is. 40:31)

You have confidence through Christ (Col. 2:10; Heb 4:16; I Cor. 15:10)

II. King Saul's Insecurity and Downfall

- A. Insecure people shift the blame and take no responsibility for disobedience (I Sam. 15:13-21)
- B. Insecure people fear people more than God. (I Sam. 15:24,26)
- C. Insecure people become self-seeking (I Sam. 15:20)
- D. Insecure people become jealous easily (I Sam. 18:5-9)
- E. Insecure people distance themselves from people they see as a threat (I Sam. 18:13)
- F. Insecure people become fearful of those they see as threats (I Sam. 18:13)
- G. An insecure person seeks to destroy those who threaten their insecurities (I Sam. 18:17-21, 25)
- H. Insecure people often consider others as a foe and not a friend.(I Sam. 18:29)

III. Our insecurities cause us to disconnect from God, family, and friends.

- A. Our fears cause us to disconnect from those we love. (I John 1:7).
- B. Pride causes us to disconnect “Pride only breeds quarrels” (Prov. 13:10)

HUMILITY IS THE ANTIDOTE TO PRIDE 1 Pet. 5:5; Phil. 2:3,2:5-7

C. Hurt disconnects us from those we love.

Proverbs 18:14

A person's spirit can endure sickness, but who can survive a broken spirit?

**THE KEY TO RECONNECTING WHEN YOU'VE BEEN HURT IS
FORGIVENESS
COL. 3:13**

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life?"

