

## OPPORTUNITY?

Introduction: David will be presented with a \_\_\_\_\_ to make himself king immediately. Opportunity does not equal God's \_\_\_\_\_ though. God's Word is to always have the last \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can be misunderstood for opportunities from God (1 Sam. 24:1-4).
  - A. God gave David enough \_\_\_\_\_ to escape to safety.
  - B. There will be those who say, "This is what God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_."
  - C. Others cannot tell you God's will for your \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 21:11-14).
- II. Your \_\_\_\_\_ will often let you know what is right (1 Sam. 24:5-7).
  - A. Having a \_\_\_\_\_ conscience is a good thing (Acts 24:16).
  - B. "He considered Saul now, not as his enemy, and the only person that stood in the way of his preferment, but as God's anointed, and as his master, to whom he was obliged to be \_\_\_\_\_" (Henry).
  - C. The choice that seems to benefit us the most is not always the \_\_\_\_\_ choice.
  - D. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ is a warning signal from God (Phil. 4:6-7).
- III. Your \_\_\_\_\_ must always be in line with God's Word (1 Sam. 24:8-22).
  - A. "David respected the \_\_\_\_\_ of king, although he may not have respected the man" (McGee).
  - B. Christians are to pay \_\_\_\_\_ to those in authority (1 Pe. 2:17, 18; Ro. 13:1-7).
  - C. David wanted to clear up all the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. David \_\_\_\_\_ what God's Word said.
  - E. Leave all matters of \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord (Ro. 12:19).
  - F. We should never stoop to the level of those who may be \_\_\_\_\_ us (1 Pe. 2:23).
  - G. "Though the dog bark at the sheep, the sheep does not \_\_\_\_\_ at the dog" (Henry) (Is. 32:6-8).
  - H. "Many mourn for their sins that do not truly \_\_\_\_\_ of them" (Henry).
  - I. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ everything you are told by others (Jn. 2:23-25).

Conclusion: "David knew of no command from God to take the kingdom by force. He was content to await God's time and method" (MacDonald).