

## AT THE END OF LIFE

Introduction: Samuel spent all of his \_\_\_\_\_ serving God. At the end of his life it was his privilege to say that he had:

- I. A Good \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 12:1-5)
  - A. Samuel obeyed the Lord and gave Israel what they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. He was now much older and closer to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. After years of serving, Samuel was able to say with a \_\_\_\_\_ conscience, that he lived his years with integrity (Acts 24:16).
  - D. The ministry is not for getting, but \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. Others will \_\_\_\_\_ your character.
- II. A Godly \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 12:6-15)
  - A. In his later years, Samuel gave all the \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
  - B. He reminded Israel of how God was their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. God uses men, but He is the One who gives the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ causes us to look to men instead of God.
  - E. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for a king, but it was done.
  - F. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ past mistakes, but you can do what is right from this point forward.
  - G. God would bless them in spite of their sin if they \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  - H. Disobedience will always result in \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- III. A Great \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 12:16-25)
  - A. Samuel maintained a ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ throughout all his years.
  - B. God may cause something unnatural to get your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. It often takes a crisis to drive \_\_\_\_\_ to prayer.
  - D. "Now they see their \_\_\_\_\_ of him whom awhile ago they slighted. Thus many that will not have Christ to reign over them would yet be glad to have him intercede for them, to turn away the wrath of God" (Henry).
  - E. "Prayerlessness is \_\_\_\_\_ and not just carelessness" (MacDonald).
  - F. May we serve God with \_\_\_\_\_ of our hearts throughout all our days.

Conclusion: "The testimony of our neighbors, and especially the testimony of our own consciences for us, that we have in our places lived honestly, will be our comfort under the slights and contempts that are put upon us" (Henry).