

CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD

Introduction: Looking within and _____ themselves to all the surrounding nations, Israel decided they wanted to _____ to those near them.

I. "We are _____ of the current system" (1 Sam. 8:1-5).

- A. Samuel was about _____ years old.
- B. His sons did not _____ the Lord as Samuel did.
- C. How sad it is for a minister to save others and _____ his own family.
- D. It is God's desire for a preacher's home to be an _____ (1 Tim. 3:4-5).
- E. Israel grew _____ of being under judges for many years.
- F. They did not want to be under a _____ anymore.
- G. God's methods do not need to be _____ (Is. 55:8,9).
- H. Newer does not equal _____ (Eccl. 1:9).

II. "We want to be like _____ else" (1 Sam. 8:5-9).

- A. Our problems begin when we start _____ ourselves with the ways of the world (1 Jn. 2:15).
- B. The church is not an organization or _____.
- C. Believers need to keep their eyes on the _____, not men (Pr. 28:21).
- D. Jesus is the Chief _____ of the church and we are to do all for Him.
- E. Israel was in reality _____ God's leadership.

III. "We do not _____ what the consequences are" (1 Sam. 8:10-9:27).

- A. Sometimes God will give us what we want, but with a _____.
- B. It is always best to let God _____ you what you may want.
- C. Asking for things selfishly is the result of a lack of _____ (2 Chron. 16:7-9).
- D. God did choose Saul to be Israel's _____ king.
- E. Saul did have a _____ beginning.

Conclusion: It is a dangerous thing when God's people begin looking to the world for examples to follow. We have been given God's Word as the manual for life. "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Ro. 12:2a).