

COSTLY CONSEQUENCES

(1 Samuel 22:6-23)

1. **SELF-CENTEREDNESS** will drive you crazy (and make others miserable)! (Philippians 2:3; James 3:14-16, 4:1; 3 John 1:9; Matthew 16:24; Luke 17:33; Mark 10:45)
2. Our dishonesty causes the **INNOCENT** to be put into precarious predicaments. (Joshua 7:10-26; 2 Samuel 11; 2 Corinthians 6:3; 1 Corinthians 5:6; Romans 6:23;
3. We should not take lightly the **CHOICES** we make or the **CONSEQUENCES** that could come as a result. (Numbers 32:23; Colossians 3:25; Proverbs 1:31, 22:3, 27:12; Joshua 5:6; Galatians 6:7-8; Romans 13:4; Mark 10:29-30, 13:13; Acts 16:23)
4. We cannot let ourselves get trapped in and crippled by the **COULD** haves and **SHOULD** haves. (2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 1:18; Hebrews 8:12; Romans 8:1; Micah 7:19)
5. For **LOVERS** of **EVIL**, judgment will come. (Psalm 52; 2 Peter 2:9; Psalm 1:5, 37:28, 145:20; 1 Peter 3:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Isaiah 13:11; Matthew 25:46)
6. For the righteous, God will bring strength, defense, and **VITALITY**. (Psalm 52; Psalm 1:1-3, 37:25; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 5:10, 6:33)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Saul was angry with everyone for not taking his side, and in the process of airing his grievances he was saying things that simply were not true. What tends to happen when we focus on ourselves (self-centeredness) and play the victim? How does this affect us? Others?
3. How did David respond when he was told that the priests had been killed (verses 20-23)? What might this have caused David to think / change about his thoughts and actions up to this point?
4. When we talk about consequences of our actions, we typically think of negative consequences for negative actions. But there are plenty of situations in the Christian faith where there are (and will be) negative consequences for positive (righteous) actions. Describe some. What must we cling to as we count these potential costs? What makes the costs 'worth it'?
5. What lessons might God want to teach us in situations when things don't go our way? What dangers do we run into when we cling too tightly to the 'could haves' and 'should haves'?