

After God's Heart

1 Samuel 13

Introduction: The word “heart” is used 1,006 times in Scripture — more than any other word used to describe the inner self.

Matthew 23:25-28; Hebrews 4:12-13

Key Truth: *If you are not after God's heart you are not pursuing what really matters in life, and an unguarded heart will inevitably wander away from this pursuit.*

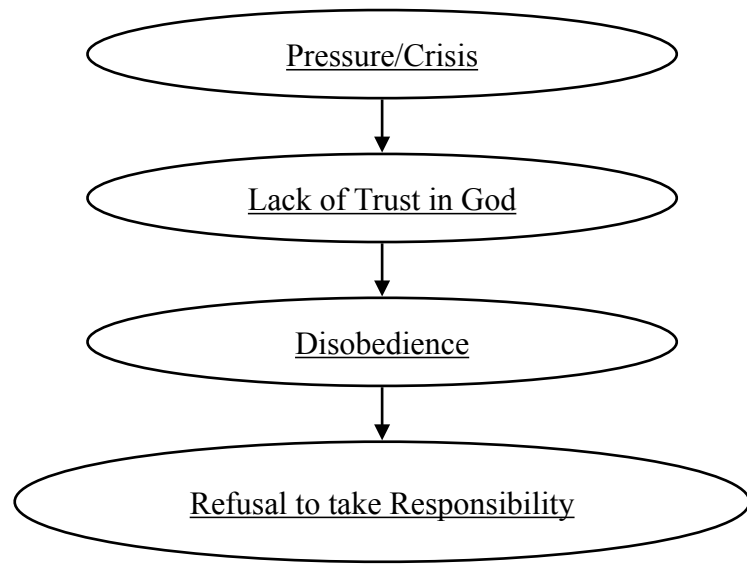
I. Saul: Flouting God's Heart

1 Samuel 13:1-14a

The pressures of life reveal what is in your heart.

1 Peter 1:7

An Anatomy of Sin:



Through the pressure of these circumstances his lack of trust in and commitment to God was drawn out and exposed.

Jeremiah 17:9; Luke 5:31-32

Psalm 139:23-24, “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

II. David: After God's Heart

1 Samuel 13:14b; John 4:23; Acts 13:22

In order to be a person after God's heart you must guard your heart.

Proverbs 4:23

The heart is like a fortress, which faces two dangers: the besieging enemies without and the betrayal of disloyal citizens within.

A. Guarding the Soundness of Your Heart

1 Timothy 4:16; Psalm 62:8

B. Guarding the Safety of Your Heart

What we listen to and what we watch at is going into our heart.

Romans 13:14