

**Message 9
Character**

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on 1 Samuel 12:1-25.

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.
Philippians 1:11 (NLT)

A. Introduction

Character = essence or _____ of a person.

B. Godly character is revealed by...

1. _____ for people.
(1 Samuel 12:1-5. C/R: Matthew 7:3-5,12; 22:39-40;
Romans 12:17; 1 Peter 2:12)

2. _____ for God.
(1 Samuel 12:6-15. C/R: Deuteronomy 10:12; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 2:4)

3. _____ from sin.
(1 Samuel 12:16-25. C/R: Proverbs 28:13; Acts 3:19;
2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:8-9)

Answers: substance **B. 1.** Regard **2.** Respect **3.** Repentance

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Have you ever been accused of saying or doing something you didn't say or do? If so, what was that like for you? Describe the situation.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Samuel 12:1-5](#).

1. What words would you use to describe Samuel's character?
2. Who were witnesses to Samuel's honorable character? Why is it important to have character references?

Read [1 Samuel 12:6-13](#).

3. Name several things the Lord had done for the Israelites.
4. List several things the Lord has done for you.

Read [1 Samuel 12:14-19](#).

5. How does Samuel direct Israel to respond to God's faithfulness?
6. What blessings and curses are promised in response to their actions?

Read [1 Samuel 12:20-25](#).

7. What does it mean to *worship God with all your heart*? Give examples of what this looks like.
8. In your own words, what's the difference between *attending worship* and *living in worship*?
9. In light of this chapter in Samuel, how is the work of Jesus Christ good news for us?
10. How can you apply the truth of this week's teaching to your life?

Soul Training

Unplug from the demands and distractions of the world. Carve out time in your schedule, at least once this week, to spend time with God out in nature. Hike a trail, walk in a park, or simply sit in a place where there is fresh air and a view of God's beautiful creation. Spend this time talking with God.

Memory Verse

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[Philippians 1:11 NLT](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [1 Samuel 12:1-5](#)

Day 4: [Titus 2:7-8](#)

Day 2: [Romans 5:1-5](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 101](#)

Day 3: [Proverbs 10:8-9](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 18, we'll continue our series *Belonging to God: The Life of Samuel*. To prepare for the message, spend a few quiet moments reading [1 Samuel 13:1-23](#); [15:1-35](#).