



Unpacking My Baggage: Insecurities & Self-Righteousness

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Insecurity: *Uncertainty or anxiety of self; lack of confidence*

Common Insecurities

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| Physical | Age | Intelligence | Things | Worth |
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Things That Impact Our Insecurities

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| Past Experiences | Reputation | Success | Rejection |
| Trauma | Failure | Doubt | |

Responses to Insecurities

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| Self-Criticism | Lack of Openness | Self-Sabotage | Loneliness |
| Perfectionism | Lack of Confidence | Fear of Failure | Distracting Others |
| Isolation | Avoidance | Decision Paralysis | |
| Jealousy | Shutting Down | Lashing Out | |
| Feeling inadequate | Limiting Yourself | Procrastination | |

Self-Righteousness: *having or characterized by a certainty, especially an unfounded one, that one is totally correct and morally superior.*

1 Samuel 13:8-14 AMP

⁸ Now Saul waited seven days, according to the appointed time which Samuel had set, but Samuel had not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering away from Saul. ⁹ So Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings." And ^dhe offered the burnt offering [which he was forbidden to do]. ¹⁰ As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, ^eSamuel finally came; Saul went out to meet and to ^fwelcome him. ¹¹ But Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "Since I saw that the people were scattering away from me, and that you did not come within the appointed time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Michmash, ¹² therefore, I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked for the Lord's favor [by making supplication to Him].' So I forced myself to offer the burnt offering." ¹³ Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, for [if you had obeyed] the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man (David) after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as leader *and* ruler over His people, because you have not kept (obeyed) what the Lord commanded you."

1 Samuel 15:2-9 AMP

³ Now go and strike Amalek and completely destroy everything that they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'" ⁴ So Saul summoned the people and numbered them at Telaim—200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah. ⁵ Saul came to the city of Amalek and set an ambush in the valley. ⁶ Saul said to the ^aKenites, "Go, leave, go down from the Amalekites, so that I do not destroy you along with them; for you showed kindness to all the Israelites when they went up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from

among the Amalekites. ⁷ Saul defeated the Amalekites, from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸ He captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, though he totally destroyed all [the rest of] the people with the sword. ⁹ Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and everything that was good, and they were not willing to destroy them entirely; but everything that was undesirable or worthless they destroyed completely.

1 Samuel 15:12-15 AMP

¹² When Samuel got up early in the morning to meet Saul, he was told, "Saul came to ^[b]Carmel, and behold, he set up for himself a monument [commemorating his victory], then he turned and went on and went down to Gilgal." ¹³ So Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the Lord. I have carried out the command of the Lord." ¹⁴ But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" ¹⁵ Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen ^[c]to sacrifice to the Lord your God; but the rest we have destroyed completely."

1 Samuel 15:22-23, 26-29 AMP

²² Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obedience to the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed [is better] than the fat of rams. ²³ "For rebellion is as [serious as] the sin of divination (fortune-telling), And disobedience is as [serious as] false religion and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected ^[d]you as king." ²⁶ But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel." ²⁷ As Samuel turned to go [away], *Saul* grabbed the hem of his robe [to stop him], and it tore. ²⁸ So Samuel said to him, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor, who is better than you. ²⁹ Also the Splendor *and* Glory *and* Eminence of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Where do you find your insecurities testing your patience with God's promises for your life?

Where have you compromised time over patiently waiting for God to deliver on His promises for you?

What have you kept alive from an area of your life that you need to kill? What about the world do you still love that you need to let go?

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