

King Saul's Disobedience

Listen to the following situations and after each situation raise your hand when the asked, if this is an example of obedience or disobedience.

Situation 1: Your teacher asks you to stop talking to your friend. Immediately you stop talking and pay attention to what she is saying. After class you go up to tell her that you are sorry for not listening.
(Obedience)

Situation 2: The principal of the school asks you to get a book out of the library for her and thanks you for your help. You go to the library but the librarian is busy. You leave the library and go wandering through the halls. The principal comes around the corner. You tell her that you went to the library but you could not find the book.
(Disobedience)

Situation 3: Your mother asks you to clear the table after dinner. You clear most of the dishes then quietly go into your room to watch TV.
(Disobedience)

Situation 4: Your teacher asks you to stop talking to your friend. You stop talking. As soon as he turns his back, you start whispering.
(Disobedience)

Situation 5: Your parents are going out for the evening. In front of the baby-sitter, they ask you to clean your room and finish your homework before watching TV. After dinner, you go to your room and do your homework. You are tempted to lie to the baby-sitter so that you can watch TV, but you know it would be wrong. You clean your room and then watch TV.
(Obedience)

Situation 6: Your parents have told you to always ask for permission before you use the computer. One day, your friend comes over and wants to play computer games. Your parents are not home. She tells you it does not matter, because they will never know. You think about how your friend might not like you anymore if you don't do it. You start to turn it on and then you stop. You tell your friend that you respect your parents and you won't do it behind their backs.
(Obedience)

Situation 7: The Bible says to tell the truth. You decide that you are going to tell the truth no matter what.
(Obedience)

Situation 8: Your grandmother is sick in bed. She asks you to go to the store and buy her some juice. She gives you \$10.00. You go to the store and buy juice, candy, and gum. You give her \$5.00 back and tell her that the juice was really expensive.

(Disobedience)

Situation 9: Your teacher asks you to stop talking to your friend and pay attention. Instead, you start writing notes to each other.

(Disobedience)

Situation 10: Your Sunday school teacher asks you to finish your worksheet before eating your snack. You are very hungry, so you take your snack bag and put it on the table in front of you. You look inside the bag, and close it up. You finish your worksheet and check it with your teacher before you eat your snack.

(Obedience)

Situation 11: You're watching TV and your little brother comes in the room. You've been told that when your little brother comes in you cannot watch anything other than the kids shows that are suitable for his age. You are watching something that is too mature for him to see. You shut off the TV and decide to play a game with him from his boardgame collection instead.

(Obedience)

Situation 12: Your friends are talking about someone who is not there and they are saying mean things about the person. You walk up and realize what they are talking about and tell them that the person they are talking about is not there and wouldn't appreciate what they are saying about them and instead you mention some good qualities and nice things that person has done for all of you. You then change the subject to something positive as you all walk to class.

(Obedience)

Situation 13: Your minister has told you that he will come to your house this week and study the Bible with you on a topic that you have asked him for help with. It is Friday and you haven't heard from him so you get upset and tell your friends in the church that the minister doesn't do what he says and is not helpful. Later in the afternoon he calls you to meet in the evening. You meet with him and feel bad for saying the mean things about him but you don't tell your friends that you shouldn't have said those things and you don't apologize to them or the minister for being wrong.

(Disobedience)

How are these situations like King Saul and his decision to sacrifice before Samuel arrived?

Didn't wait, disobeyed, was worried about what others thought rather than what God required, was disrespectful, prideful, impatient, felt bad afterward but it was too late, didn't think of the consequences, thought it was no big deal, thought he could get away with it or that Samuel/God would be ok with it.