



## The Peril of Pragmatism

### *1 Samuel 13:1-23*

1. Spiritual downward cycles often \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Spiritual tests \_\_\_\_\_ who we are.
  - *When facing a crisis, we're tempted to give in to \_\_\_\_\_.*
    - ◇ *Fear attacks us when our problems seem \_\_\_\_\_.*
    - ◇ *Fear attacks us when \_\_\_\_\_ are responding in fear.*
  - *It's the \_\_\_\_\_ in the test that can be the most difficult.*

- *We make a \_\_\_\_\_ when we try to help God out.*
- *We make our mess worse when we make \_\_\_\_\_ and fail to take \_\_\_\_\_.*

3. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ has a far reaching impact.

*What does it mean to be someone \_\_\_\_\_ God's own \_\_\_\_\_?*

- *Someone after God's heart \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.*
- *Someone after God's heart has God as \_\_\_\_\_.*
- *Someone after God's heart has a soft, \_\_\_\_\_ heart.*
- *Someone after God's heart \_\_\_\_\_ others.*

Home Reflection:

*When you sin do you tend to rationalize or blame others? Or instead do you take personal responsibility?*

*What have you found helpful when you are in a period of waiting on God?*

*Can you think of a time when "doing something" was in opposition to trusting and obeying God?*