

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

January 2, 2022 Absalom's Conspiracy - [2 Samuel 15:1-12](#)

Open It

1. What are some ways that ambitious individuals can "buy" a following?
2. What are the characteristics of the ambitious people you know?

Explore It

3. What symbols of status and power did Absalom acquire? ([15:1](#))
4. Whom was Absalom in the habit of intercepting at the city gate? ([15:2](#))
5. How did Absalom flatter the people he met at the gate? ([15:3](#))
6. With what "if only" statement did Absalom plant the idea of himself as leader? ([15:4](#))
7. How did Absalom treat anyone who bowed down to him? ([15:5](#))
8. How did the Israelites react to Absalom? ([15:6](#))
9. What request did Absalom make of David when some years had passed? ([15:7-9](#))
10. When he had gone to Hebron, what did Absalom ask his supporters to do? ([15:10](#))
11. By what trick did Absalom give the appearance of having a large following? ([15:11](#))
12. Whom else did Absalom find to join his rebellion? ([15:12](#))

Get It

13. Why was the city gate a particularly good place for Absalom to ingratiate himself with the Israelites?
14. How many of Absalom's interactions with people seem to you to have been sincere?
15. How do ambitious people manipulate the truth to their own advantage?

16. Why might it be wise to wonder about the motives of people who seem unusually helpful?

17. What circumstances make people susceptible to rebellion?

18. How is it possible to reconcile a strong personal ambition with devotion to God?

Apply It

19. What ambition should you examine to see if it is submitted to the will of God?

20. What steps can you take to avoid being gullible to nay-sayers and influence-gatherers?