

A Father's Final Wish

I Kings 2:1-4

Introduction:

- A. In I Kings 2, David tells Solomon to be strong and show himself a man. The kind of man David is referring to is a godly man who leads well.
- B. If we want to change our world, our communities, our churches and our homes, then we need more men to follow the advice that David gave to his son Solomon.

Listen and Obey the Word of the Lord (vs. 1-3)

- A. Being a king wasn't going to be easy for Solomon. There would be lots of obstacles along the way.
- B. It's not enough to just love the Lord, our lives must be guided by His Word (Psa. 119:105; Lk. 11:27-28).
- C. We cannot listen and obey the Lord if we do not have a knowledge of the Lord's Word (Jos. 1:8; Psa. 119:15-16).

Lead Your Family Well Spiritually (v. 4)

- A. Just as David tried to lead his family well spiritually, Solomon was going to have do the same.
- B. Leading our family spiritually means sometimes we will have to make an unpopular choice (Gen. 6:8-9).
- C. As Christians, we are to love the Lord even more than we love our own families (Lk. 14:26).

Leave A Lasting Legacy (v. 4)

- A. If Solomon followed David's example, it would lead to a lasting legacy of someone sitting on Israel's throne.
- B. How we live today does not just have an effect on today or tomorrow, but it can have a generational effect for many years to come (Rom. 12:11; Jn. 6:38; Gen. 22).
- C. What kind of legacy do we want to leave behind? A legacy of success from a worldly standpoint or a legacy of success as a faithful servant of the Lord?

Conclusion:

- A. It's evident, our world needs more godly leadership from our men.
- B. Let me ask all the men a question... If your family and friends followed only your leadership and example, would they find Jesus because of you?"