

"A King's Successor"

1 Kings 1-2:12

Introduction: What can we do to insure the direction and Godliness of the generation that follows us?

An Aged King - 1 Kings 1:1-4

An Anxious Son - 1 Kings 1:5-10 - Adonijah

A Frantic Staff - 1 Kings 1:11-27

A Certain King - 1 Kings 1:28-40

Troubled Servants - 1 Kings 1:41-53

David's final Instructions - 1 Kings 2:1-12 .

Godly Wisdom - 1 Kings 2:1-4

Personal Grudges/Blessings - 1 Kings 2:5-9

1 Kings 2:10-12 - David had enlarge the nation, he had conquered her enemies and tribute was flowing into Israel's coffers. The stage was set for a very successful reign and Solomon starts out very well.

Precept: It is interesting that starting well never guarantees that we end well; that is a constant, persistent and daily choice for each of us and for each of our children and their children. (Matthew 25:14-30) Everything rises and falls on faithful leadership; leadership that knows and follows the Lord.

Conclusion: If we are going to be a good leader we first have to be a responsible father, engaged with our children and attentive to the things that make for a Godly home environment. (1 Timothy 3:4-5)

Like God, who set the stage for David to rule Israel, so parents set the stage for their children to lead a home and rear children. This is rarely a project that has a termination date; it is a lifelong challenge as parents move from parenting to coming alongside children who are taking up parenting roles in life. When grandchildren arrive we begin again, not as parents but as lifelong influencers who are seeking to share wisdom and help as God gives us opportunities.

David is the greatest King of Israel; and after him it went downhill pretty quickly. We all need a king who we can follow all of our lives - the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ our Savior.