



THE BOOK OF

1 KINGS



Sermon Series Notes

“1 Kings 12- A study in how NOT to lead” (I Kings 1-11)

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Themes- Leadership; faith; trust

Application- (A study in how not to lead)-

1. Be unwilling to Trust God, and instead led by feelings and circumstances. Disbelief in God’s all sufficiency is the reason for **all** our unfaithfulness.

-HOWEVER: How do I trust God better?

- a. **Set your heart on the Lord.** 2 Chron. 12:14- Jer. did evil because he had not set his heart on seeking the Lord.
- b. **Know God is in control.** Lamentations 3:37 *Can anything happen without the Lord’s permission?*
- c. **Know that God is good**, all the time. Gen 18 *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*
- d. **Know his word.** The Lord appeared to Solomon 2x. Never to David. Miracles don’t make maturity. Familiarity with his word does.

2. **Operate in the flesh.** Assume your way is better. Seek not the kingdom of God but your own kingdom.

3. **Don’t learn from history/others.** **1 Cor. 10:6-12** Written for our instruction. Be alert. **Eccl 2:18-20** *I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.*

Maybe that is why he thought he could stuff some wisdom into his son. He probably saw his arrogance and attitude and maybe that is why Prov. 1-8 was written.

4. **Seek counsel from the wrong people** (ignore Prov. 1-8; Get school buddy advice, not godly advice.)

5. **Be a tyrant, and not a servant.** Do your own thing. Get an ego. Mark 10- Jesus- *whoever* wants to *become great* among you *must* be your *servant*, and *whoever* wants to be first *must* be slave of all.

6. **Make sure your pride dominates your decisions-**