

I. ENTITLEMENT Knew God's promise to David - always a king. I Kings 11:31, Proverbs 14:28 In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince. Cannot be a King without a kingdom!

A. Not entitled to salvation John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Somehow we think we deserve heaven - Right family, right country, right religion, do all of the right things. Philippians 3:4-9

1. Can do everything right and still be wrong!

Matthew 7:21-23

2. Not born into salvation - Born Again!! John 3:3-7,16

a) Child of the king John 1:12-13 Rehoboam was Solomon's only known son out of 700 wives & 300 concubines! Lady in church - 1st girl born into her family in 100 years!

b) Joint-heir by adoption Romans 8:15-17 (I John 5:12-13)

3. Not religion - a relationship John 3:10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

a) Not your works Ephesians 2:8-9

b) His finished work on the cross John 19:30
When Jesus therefore had received the
vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed
his head, and gave up the ghost.

4. Do not have it until you receive it Romans
10:9-10,13

B. Not entitled to the kingdom Matthew 6:33 But seek
ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.

1. God's promises do not apply if you don't obey II
Chronicles 11:1-4 He split the kingdom and now
trying to reunite it through force.

a) We don't need to be fighting each other! I
Kings 14:30 And there was war between
Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.
Didn't go to battle but kept each other on
edge and gave the enemy an opportunity to
attack.

b) Let's focus on what is important II
Chronicles 11:16-17 Not going to get
caught up in all of the politics and
infighting. Follow God!

2. How you treat people is important II Chronicles
10:13

II. COUNSEL Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in
his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

A. Multitude Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established. ~~Proverbs 11:14, 24:26~~

1. “I want my opinion to come out of your mouth.”

Proverbs 26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

2. “9 out of 10 agree.” ex. 12 spies vs. Caleb & Joshua in Numbers 14 Listen to the 1. Why do they disagree? Not saying you should always listen to the old-men. Probably should have combined them to something like “We need to back off, but we still need to run a kingdom. Let’s talk.”

3. Consider the source Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety. Outside your box. Listened to the young men who grew up with him - privileged

B. Good counsel Proverbs 27:9,17 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel... Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. verses godly counsel Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. “The Bible says...” “Let's pray about this.” “What is the right thing to do?”

C. Listen to the “Hoary” head Leviticus 19:32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord. Proverbs 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head. **Most of our wisdom is hard-earned!!**

1. Old age does not always equate to wisdom
Proverbs 16:31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.
2. We (**older**) need to show the next generation!!
Psalm 71:18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. Titus 2:1-7
3. What is wrong with the younger generation -
don't have good mentors in the older generation!

D. What does this generation have to offer? **We need the vision of the young men!** Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions (**to see**), and your old men shall dream dreams.

III. MAKE UP YOUR MIND James 1:5-8

A. Almost.... II Chronicles 11:4, 16-17 **Who are you doing this for?**

1. Are you relying on others to keep you strong in the Lord? I Samuel 30:6 **And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.**
2. Once he had what he wanted he was done II Chronicles 12:1

B. What was missing?

1. The Word of God II Chronicles 12:1
2. Humility II Chronicles 12:6,12 James 4:10
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
3. Did not seek Him II Chronicles 12:14, Jeremiah 29:13 **And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**
4. Did not prepare his heart II Chronicles 12:14
“prepared”, Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.