

Godly advice and some harsh realities from an imperfect Man!  
1 Kings 2: 1-11

V1-2: Death is \_\_\_\_\_. David knew he was about to die and accepted it as part of the human condition. It is not a thing to be feared for a Christian. Jesus conquered death on the cross. 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 &50-58

V1-2: David passed on to Solomon a great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

A \_\_\_\_\_ man is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord. It is not chauvinistic or antiquated or sexist for a man to be strong. God created men and women different on purpose. Each has unique strengths and weaknesses. We complement each other, and need one another. Many times our society attempts to blur the line between males and females. God did make us different. It is not just a “cultural adaptation. Genesis 1: 26-28 Ch 2: 20-25 Ephesians 5:22-33

Every man needs a challenge, and \_\_\_\_\_ in life. From the time of Adam when God told Adam to name the animals and tend the garden, and take care of the earth, to the “marching orders” of Jesus who told the disciples to “go into all the world baptizing and making disciples”; we need a mission greater than ourselves! This is true of course for both men and women, but even more so for men. If a man has no great goal, no true purpose, no responsibility that challenges him, then he becomes self centered and drifts into a meaningless life of narcissism. Today our society is full of self centered men who do not know the meaning of self sacrifice and live primarily for themselves. God calls us to a great mission and adventure as we strive to serve Him. Genesis 1:27-28 Genesis 2:15 &20 Matthew 28: 18-20

Job 40: 6-7 Judges 4:1-9

David knows \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_! He challenges Solomon to “show yourself” a man! A true man must “walk the walk and not just talk the talk”. David gives Solomon a blue print for living. David tells Solomon to \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s ways by keeping His: John 14:15

1. Statutes:
2. Commandments:
3. Ordinances:
4. Testimonies:

All of this was derived from the Law of Moses. Following God’s principles for living is ultimately what makes a man \_\_\_\_\_! However, Just like Jesus says hundreds of years later David also passes on to Solomon the huge spiritual principle that it is what is in our heart that brings us in true obedience to God. David tells him “with all your heart and all your soul!” David promises Solomon that you will always have a descendant on the throne of Israel **If!!!** You walk in God’s ways. Deuteronomy 32:44-47

Be careful what you teach and pass down to your children!

Answers: inevitable, responsibility, challenge, real, strong, mission, talk, cheap, walk, successful