Key's to a King's Success

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INTRODUCTION

- One of the reasons why you're in the Old Testament is you are looking for yourself. We would call that practical application.
- But there's a second reason why we go back to Old Testament stories. Not that we're looking for ourselves, but we're looking for Jesus.
- There are six critical keys to a king's success. If your king will stay away from three mistakes, and if your king will devote himself to three godly activities, you can be successful.

1 Three Things He Must Not Do for Himself

Deuteronomy 17:16–17

- Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses.
- He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away. Nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.
- Do not go outside of God's will for marriage in pursuit of anything, because you'll lose the provisions of God.
- Multiplying riches at the expense of receiving the natural, spiritually prioritized provisions of God is a huge mistake.

2 Solomon Did All Three of These Things

1 Kings 10:24–29; 1 Kings 11:1–8

- All the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
- Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt.
- He literally violated in the most explicit and direct terms precisely what he was warned not to do.
- He went outside of what God had originally designed for his benefit, and his heart was pulled away.

3 Let God Defend, Shape Your Home, Fill Your Cup

Ephesians 6:17–18; 1 Peter 3:8–9; 1 Timothy 6:9–10

- I must let God defend my family. I must let his will, his way, his design.
- Let God build your marriage. Psalm 127, unless God build the house, they labor in vain who build it.

- Be harmonious, Be sympathetic, Be brotherly, Be kind hearted, be humble in spirit, not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead.
- I actually have to take a step away from God in order to get closer to my goal. That's your indicator.
- The first chance you get to give some of it away. You'll know the answer to your question.

4 Do These Things for Yourself: Write, Read, Obey

Deuteronomy 17:18–19; Psalm 1:2–3

- He shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.
- And he shall read it all the days of his life that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes.
- His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law he meditates day and night.
- Build a relationship with your Bible and converse with it every single day.
- Read the book every single day and do what it says.

5 Humility, Focus and Posterity

Deuteronomy 17:20

- That his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or to the left.
- Humility and kingship, hand in hand.
- Everything I have that is good is from God, and when I study and obey and read and write, I stay on that path.
- This is not about prosperity. This is about posterity.
- By avoiding three things and embracing three others, I give them the best chance possible to be servants of the king, and that's all that matters.

THE CHALLENGE

And so as we go through this week, and we're looking at these guys, I want you to do a little bit of measuring.

MY NOTES