

DAVID'S FINAL THOUGHTS

I Kings 2:1-12

Tonight let's look at and learn from David's final thoughts.

I. A REALISTIC AWARENESS (1-2a, 10-12)

- A. DEATH WAS NEAR (1)
- B. DEATH IS NOT ABNORMAL (2a, 10)
- C. HIS LIFE WAS USEFUL (11)
- D. HIS THRONE WAS SECURE (12)

II. SOME SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT (2b-4)

- A. THE RIGHT MINDSET IS IMPORTANT (2b)
 - 1. Commitment: "Be strong!"
 - 2. Courage: "Be a man!"
- B. THE RIGHT MISSION IS ESSENTIAL (3a)
 - 1. Protect God's charge
 - 2. Walk in God's ways
 - 3. Obey God's Word
- C. THE RIGHT MOTIVATION IS INSPIRING (3b-4)
 - 1. A Godly Prosperity (3b)
 - 2. A Godly Legacy (4)

III. SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE (5-9)

A. REMOVE THE WICKED (5-6)

1. Joab's Sins (5)
 - a. Rebellion: What Joab did to David (cf. 1:7)
 - b. Murder of Abner (II Sam. 3:27) and Amasa (II Sam. 20:9-10)
 - c. Violence: Quick to shed blood
2. Solomon's Charge (6)
 - a. Let justice prevail
 - b. Be wise

B. REWARD THE HONORABLE (7)

1. Recommendation: Show kindness
2. Responsibility: Keeping a promise - II Sam. 19:31-39
3. Reason: Barzillai's gracious support - II Sam. 17:27-29

C. REMEMBER THE GUILTY (8-9)

1. Shimei's sins
 - a. Foolish cursing - II Sam. 16:5-8
 - b. Opportunistic confessing - II Sam. 19:18-23
2. David's promise - II Sam. 19:23
 - Shimei got a reprieve but not a pardon!
3. David's recommendation
 - a. Do not let him go unpunished
 - b. Let his blood be shed

CONCLUSION:

Solomon reigned over a firmly established kingdom (v.12) because David did much to improve it.

What will we leave our children?

- An enduring testimony
- A godly heritage
- A vibrant church

May God help us to leave something worth having!