

## **Week Six – *A Legacy Worth Leaving***

### **1 Kings 2:1-4**

#### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day One**

1. Identify at least one person (other than your mom or dad) who is no longer living who had a lasting influence on you. What was it about him that brought his name to mind?
2. Was her influence limited to you or was it felt by others, also? Besides being memorable for who she was or what she achieved, what did she do to influence others?
3. What qualities cause someone to have lasting influence?
4. Read Psalm 37:35-38. In place of the word future in verse 37, insert the word posterity, which is a more accurate translation of the intention. What's the difference between a godly person and worldly person, according to this verse?
5. In the close of the commandments (Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 6), God promises “punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” How is that a legacy issue?
6. See Ezekiel 18:20. Clearly God does not punish children for the sins of their parents, nor parents for the mistakes of their children. What does this verse mean? Do you think it has to do with the influence and legacy parents impart to their children by example?
7. Finish your **FIFTEEN** in prayer. Pray for a renewed awareness of those who have influenced you and those who look to you as an example.

#### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two**

8. What does the phrase, “Begin with the ending in mind,” mean?
9. Read 1 Kings 2:1-4. What is beginning and what is ending.
10. Read David's advice in Psalm 37:1-6 and verses 25,26. At what stage of life did David write this Psalm? How would you sum up his counsel in these verses?
11. Can you think of some mistakes David made along the way?

12. Do you think you learn more from your mistakes or your good decisions? Explain.
13. Do you have a will or an estate plan? Does it include a statement of faith or a testimony to your heirs? What's the benefit to adding a Christian preamble?
14. Finish your **FIFTEEN** in prayer. Pray the serenity prayer – “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.”

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three**

15. Compare the advice David gives to his son, Solomon, in 1 Kings 2:2-3 to God's advice to Joshua in Joshua 1:7. What's God's formula for success?
16. What if you are only strong and not faithful?
17. What if you are piously religious but not strong?
18. Do you know faithful people who have not been strong? While they are to be admired for their desire to honor the Lord, how does the lack of conviction lessen their legacies?
19. In your opinion, what does it mean to be strong, as God and David urge?
20. Almost all the other kings were compared to David. They were routinely described as like David or not like David. David had his share of problems and made some serious mistakes in life. Why do you suppose he was considered the model king to whom all other kings were compared?
21. Finish your **FIFTEEN** in prayer. Pray for the courage to make a difference in things that matter.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four**

22. Read verse 1 Kings 2:4 again. Why did David want Solomon to be strong and to abide faithfully in the Lord?
23. In light of your knowledge, did Solomon fulfill David's desire?

24. Read 1 Kings 11:6-13. What was Solomon's undoing?
25. Solomon was the wisest man that ever walked the earth. What's the danger of wisdom without godly values?
26. Some contend that Solomon saw the error of his ways and came to his senses before his death. Read his legacy statement in Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. What do those verses suggest about Solomon's legacy?
27. Solomon, like all people, needed to be loved. What's the danger of needing others too much? What's the danger of not needing other people enough?
28. Finish your **FIFTEEN** in prayer. Pray to be both wise, loving and faithful.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five**

29. Read 1 Chronicles 22:7-13. Why was David not allowed to build the temple, but Solomon was?
30. Although David was not allowed to build the temple, what did he do to help in its construction? See 1 Chronicles chapter 28:11-12 and chapter 29.
31. Why is Jesus called the Son of David? See 1 Chronicles 17:11-17
32. Read other last words of David in 2 Samuel 23:1-5. According to verse 2 of that chapter, what was David's greatest honor in life?
33. What is the greatest honor you can have in life, in other words, your greatest legacy?
34. Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-14. What does it mean to have your life tested by fire?
35. Finish your **FIFTEEN** in prayer. Pray to leave a legacy of faith that honors the Lord and rightfully represents your faith priorities.