

1 Kings 4:1-34

Wise Up: Get Organized and Get Out of God's Way

The Organization of the Nation through Solomon v1-19

Solomon realized it was not possible for him to have hands on control of every single good/necessary thing needed for a stable society. Therefore, he placed qualified and responsible people under him to lead/operate specific aspects of his government.

General Principle Wise Up and Wisely Delegate:

Delegation is necessary not just for Kings but for the rest of us too. None of us have infinite abilities/skills, physical strength/stamina...and we are not under any moral obligation to do everything everyone around us, asks/wants us to do. We see this principle lived out by Moses (Exodus 18:13-27); the Apostles (Acts 6:1-6); and our Lord Jesus Himself (Luke 4:42-44).

One Specific Way I Suggest You Think about Wise Delegation:

There are some things in life you and I

- 1: simply have to do (the LORD, family/job, church plus x, y, z)
- 2: want to do/enjoy doing (coaching sports teams, being a LINK One Mentor)
- 3: are willing to do/would enjoy doing but if we do them, we...
...won't have the time/energy we need to do 1 and 2 well and by not doing them, we can see God working through others to do them as we pray for and encourage them!

The Blessing of the Nation Israel through Solomon v20-28

The nation prospered in population, influence and power during Solomon's reign, in fact during this period Israel enjoyed its greatest period of prosperity, peace and international influence.

The Blessing of the World Then and Now through Solomon v29-34

Solomon was supernaturally given wisdom from God (Ch 3). Over time this wisdom became even greater and its expression was a blessing far beyond the borders of his country/his time.

Take This To Heart

- 1: Get organized and be active consistent with wise/godly priorities
- 2: Get rid of false guilt motivating you to bad-good works that either rob you of the time, and resources you should guard for things you must do/things you enjoy doing OR which get in the way of others receiving the blessing they could/should obtain by they themselves getting organized and active consistent with wise/godly priorities.