



# David Passes The Torch

**1 Kings 2:1-4**

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- 4. Nothing can make up for loss of child.**

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# Decisions, Decisions

1. Many fathers let 'important' things crowd out time with their children.
2. Many children don't take their parents' advice...
3. Discipline is essential. 1 K.1:5-6
4. Nothing can make up for loss of child.

**No wonder David takes his final instructions seriously**

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# David's last words to Solomon

- 1. The pressure: 1 Chronicles 23:1 . . .  
28:5, 9-10 . . . 29:1...23-25**
- 2. The preparation: 1 Kings 2:1-4**



# I. Be Prepared To Die, 1-2

# Young Solomon, ready to live

- **“David” (1 K.2:1)**
- **Solomon also must leave it all behind (Ec.2; 3:2)**
- **David’s record – 1 K.1:6**
  - **Indifferent?**
  - **Indulgent?**
  - **Incompetent?**
  - **Inactive?**
  - **Inaccessible?**



I. Prepare To Die, 1-2

**II. Be Strong, Therefore . . .  
Prove Yourself A Man, 2**

# Different kinds of strength

## 1 Sm.4:9

- Superman
- Ruler
- Immoral

**The only permanent strength is spiritual and moral.**

**Josh.1:6, 7, 9, 18**

**1. Resist temptations. 1 K.1:1-4; 11**

**2. Refuse treasures. Dt.17:16-17**

**3. Revere truth. 1 K.2:3-4**



# Solomon needs courage: 'do your duty!'

## 1. Adonijah for king, 1:5; support, 7-10

David will not be there  
to advise.

David's legacy: his words,  
his example.

**2:46b: way to  
establish the  
kingdom.**

**1 Co.16:13**

## 6. Abiathar's dismissal, 2:26-27, 35

## 7. Shimei's execution, 2:36-46a



I. Prepare To Die, 1-2

II. Be Strong...Prove Yourself A Man, 1-2

**III. Keep Charge of  
Lord Your God, 3**

# What?

- **Walk in His ways, Keep His statutes . . .  
Commandments . . .**

Israel's kings did not give law –  
they received it like everyone else.

# Why?

- **Prosper, 3**
- **Promises of God, 3-4**



I. Prepare To Die, 1-2

II. Be Strong...Prove Yourself A Man, 1-2

III. Keep Charge Of Lord Your God, 3

**IV. Pursue Spiritual Prosperity, 4**

# Affects David, Solomon, descendants, & all Israel

- **The way**
- **The walk (8:25; 9:4). 3:6**
- **The whole person (all heart and soul)**

**1 K.2:4**

**Bible lessons,  
daily readings,  
memory work**

**Recreation**

**Work**

**Education**

**Marriage**

**Morals**

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- Computers, phones, electronic devices
- Company
- Clothes

**1 Pt.5:8**

Early Christians did  
not voluntarily  
enter the coliseum  
with lions

A 'lion' stalks  
careless Christians  
in dangerous  
places