

# ← RIGHT CHOICE → WRONG REASON →

## 2 Samuel 3:1-21

1. There doesn't need to be an explicit **COMMAND** when God's **HEART** is clear. (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; Acts 17:11; Proverbs 30:5; Deuteronomy 17:17; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6)
2. Let's take our **CUES** from God's Word and not the world around us. (Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:15; Colossians 3:2; 1 Peter 1:14; Ephesians 4:24; Philippians 4:8)
3. Pride and an ambitious hunger for power can **BLIND** us to **REALITY**. (Proverbs 8:13, 11:2, 16:18; Psalm 14:1-3; Romans 12:16; Philippians 2:3; Revelation 3:17)
4. When we do the **RIGHT** thing, let's make sure we are doing it for the **RIGHT** reasons. (James 4:17; Colossians 3:17; Proverbs 16:2, 21:3; Romans 7:15; 1 Corinthians 11:1, 16:14; James 4:3; Psalm 26:2)
5. God will raise up someone to **SPEAK** forth a message, and we should heed their words. (Proverbs 2:2, 12:15, 19:20; James 1:19; Philippians 4:9; 2 Samuel 12:1-14; 2 Kings 5:1-14)
6. May we yield **FULL REIGN** to Jesus over all His heart desires in us. (Romans 6:13, 12:1; James 4:7; Proverbs 3:5; Matthew 16:24; Galatians 2:20, 5:25)



## Taking it further to help you **THRIVE...**

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Someone might say to you, "The Bible does not directly condemn polygamy" (or any of a number of other things). How would you respond to such a statement?
3. Verse 6 tells us that Abner was making himself stronger within/over the house of Saul - Abner was promoting himself. What is it like being around someone who is always self-seeking and self-promoting? What are the different ways we can respond?
4. Abner knew all along that David should be king, but he had been intent on promoting Ishbosheth - until things didn't go his way. Then, he switched to David's side. Why didn't Abner yield to David's kingship from the start? Was his reason for switching to David's side the right reason? Why? Why not? How do we see (wrestle with) similar actions/motives in our own lives?
5. How did David receive Abner and the men who were with him (verse 20)? What does this tell us (and remind us) about David? Had you been in David's shoes, how might you have received Abner / been tempted to receive him? Why?