

## CONSIDER THE SOURCE

### Mirror, Mirror On The Wall – Part 3

**ON TV:** When somebody discounts the reliability of information based on the **source** rather than the **merits** of the information.

**ON TV:** Advice should be judged on its merit not on its source.

**ON TV:** We have participated **100%** in all of our bad decisions.

**ON TV:** A single bad decision is always the **first step** toward becoming our own worst enemy.

**ON TV:** When we become your own worst enemy, we're not the only person that gets **hurt**.

**ON TV:** How we live our lives is not just about us.

**ON TV:** Take notice of the **tension**.

**ON TV:** Don't start **selling** yourself.

**ON TV:** We rarely have to sell ourselves on a really good idea.

**ON TV:** Take notice of your **internal conversations**.

**ON TV:** **Notice** the words of **wisdom** around you.

**ON TV:** Our worst decisions are always **preceded by a series of unwise decisions**.

**ON TV:** Somebody is feeling the tension that you're ignoring.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"28a Now Jeroboam was a man of standing, and when King Solomon saw how well the young man did his work, he put him in charge of the whole labor force...29 About that time, Jeroboam was going out of Jerusalem, and Ahijah, the prophet of Shiloh, met him on the way...31b' ...See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hands and give you ten tribes."* 1 Kings 11:28a, 29a, 31b

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"But I will not take the whole kingdom out of Solomon's hands..."* 1 Kings 11:34a

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *"1 Rehoboam went to Shechem for all the Israelites had gone there to make him king. 2a When Jeroboam heard this, he was still in Egypt where he had fled from King Solomon, he returned from Egypt. 3 So they sent for Jeroboam and he and the whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him, 4 'Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us and we will serve you.' 5 Rehoboam answered, 'Go away for three days and then come back to me.' So, the people went away. 6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. 'How would you advise me to answer these people?' he asked. 7 They replied, 'If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants. 8a But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him..."* 1 Kings 12:1-8a

**ON TV:** It was what **he needed to hear**, but it was **not what he wanted to do**. But it was the only way to get where he wanted to be.

**ON TV:** He found some people who would tell him what **he wanted to hear**.

**ON TV:** Surround yourself with people who will tell you what you want to hear.

**ON TV:** Whose advice are you currently ignoring?

**ON TV:** What is that **internal conversation** that you're using to reinforce your resistance to their advice?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“But Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him.” 1 Kings 12:8*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“He asked them, ‘What is your advice? How should we answer these people who say to me, ‘Lighten the yoke your father put on us?’” 1 Kings 12:9*

**ON TV:** Have we fallen into this rut?

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“10 The young men who had grown up with him replied, ‘Tell these people who have said to you, ‘Your father put a heavy yoke on us but make our yoke lighter,’ – tell them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist.’ 11 My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.” 1 Kings 12:10-11*

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** *“14b ... ‘My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.’ 16 When all Israel saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king: ‘What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse’s son? To your tents, O Israel! Look after your own house, O David!’ So, the Israelites went home. 17 But as for the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah, Rehoboam still ruled over them. 18a King Rehoboam sent out Adoniram who was in charge of forced labor, but all Israel stoned him to death...19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.” 1 Kings 14b, 16-17, 18a, 19*

**ON TV:** Find someone who has nothing to gain and nothing to lose by telling you the truth.

**ON TV:** Why don’t we?

**ON TV:** Private decisions have public **consequences**.

**ON TV:** Would you commit to **not** automatically discount advice based on the **source** of the advice?

**ON TV:** Wise people with wise advice set us up for wise choices.

**ON TV:** Whose advice are you **currently ignoring**? And what’s the conversation that you’re having with yourself that is causing to reject that advice?