



When David was about to relinquish the throne of Israel at the coronation of his son Solomon, the old King wanted to pass on some life changing words of wisdom to the young King. Reminiscing, David recalled how God had led him to accomplish so many incredible achievements as Israel's king. But also, as he thought back, he remembered the times he hadn't listened to God resulting in some really big, tragically costly mistakes. Now, with a tender and hopeful heart, David the father shares with Solomon the son, "guidelines for the soul" that God had taught him along the way. Truths that David knew would help Solomon accomplish many great achievements with God, as well as help him avoid the painful pitfalls and errors of not following the Lord. For David and Solomon, it was the end and start of their personal chapters. For you and me, it is the end of the old year and start of the new year. In either case, David's words are equally applicable when it comes to following the Lord. Today, let's listen to David tell us the truths we need to hear to make 2023 be all that God wants it to be for **His glory** and **our good**.

1. (28:9a) _____ the _____.

2. (28:9b) _____ the _____.

3. (28:9c) Realize That There Is ...

4. (28:9d; 20b) Count On God ...

5. (28:10) Stay ...

6. (28:20) Choose ...

7. (29:19) Pray For Your ...

4 WORDS FOR 2023

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FOR THOUGHT & TALK

*Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor John's message. Don't expect to answer all the questions. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal is to **relate** together over ways to **apply** God's Word to our lives.*

1. Read aloud David's counsel to Solomon in **1 Chronicles 28:9-10** and David's prayer for Solomon in **1 Chronicles 29:19** from the NASB & NLT translations. As you read the passages, use your imagination and put yourself into this scene in ancient Israel. What would it have been like to be Solomon, on the day of your coronation, hearing words of counsel and prayer being spoken to you and over you by the outgoing King, who is also your dad? What do you suppose was going on in David's heart as he uttered these words of godly wisdom to his son and prayer for God's guidance over his son?

2. At the start of the message Pastor John stated, "*You are constantly being counseled by someone or something.*" Whether it be family, friends, social media or the stuff you watch, read, and listen to ... your brain is always being talked to and what you're hearing is shaping your beliefs and behaviors. PJ then asked the question: Who are you going to be counseled by in 2023? What's your answer?

3. The **best place** to receive counsel is *from God* (which comes through His Word) and *from His godly ones*. Can you see how the counsel that David gave to Solomon is equally important for us to receive today? Which of the "truths for living" that David shared most spoke to you and where you are at as you start 2023?

4. When seeking counsel from "*His godly ones*," how do we determine if someone is a godly source of counsel? Do you feel that you seek godly counsel enough, or is this something you need to do more of? Do you know where to go to find such counsel?

5. What are the hopes, dreams, and prayers that you feel God has given you to pursue in 2023? Solomon had David counseling him and praying for him as he pursued the course that God had laid out for him. Who is counseling you and praying for you? In group, pray for each other that 2023 will be for **God's glory** and **our good**.