



**1 Kings 1:5** Adonijah exalts himself and declares his own kingship without seeking God or his father.

**1 Kings 1:6** David's failure to correct his son reveals how lack of discipline can shape a prideful heart.

**1 Kings 1:7** Adonijah builds alliances with powerful leaders to strengthen his position.

**1 Kings 1:8** Godly leaders refuse to support a plan that goes against God's will.

**1 Kings 1:9–10** Adonijah creates the appearance of legitimacy while intentionally excluding those aligned with God.

**Luke 14:11** God opposes self-exaltation and promises to humble those who lift themselves up.

**Proverbs 13:24** Loving discipline is necessary to guide and shape character.

**Proverbs 29:15** Correction brings wisdom, but lack of it leads to shame and disorder.

**Ephesians 6:4** Parents are called to raise children with instruction and discipline rooted in the Lord.

**2 Samuel 15:1** Absalom used the same strategy, showing how patterns repeat when not corrected.

**1 Kings 1:11–12** Nathan recognizes the danger and moves quickly to protect God's plan.

**1 Kings 1:13–14** God works through wise and faithful people to accomplish His purposes.

### **Application**

Choose submission over self-promotion by seeking God's will before taking action.



### **Discussion Questions**

Where am I tempted to exalt myself instead of waiting on God?

What role does correction and accountability play in my life right now?

How can I better recognize and follow God's plan instead of my own ambitions?

#### **Spiritual Truth Illustrated:**

When a person, a family, or a nation is ruled by the flesh rather than by God, self-exaltation and division inevitably follow.

Good parenting demands loving correction and training in righteousness

(Proverbs 13:24; 29:15; Ephesians 6:4)

When fathers or mothers fail to rebuke and guide their children with wisdom and firmness, unchecked pride and rebellion take root and grow unchecked.