

THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN | 1 KINGS 12-16

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“ The Lord was very angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. He had warned Solomon specifically about worshiping other gods, but Solomon did not listen to the Lord's command. So now the Lord said to him, 'Since you have not kept my covenant and have disobeyed my decrees, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your servants. But for the sake of your father, David, I will not do this while you are still alive. I will take the kingdom away from your son. And even so, I will not take away the entire kingdom; I will let him be king of one tribe, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, my chosen city.'”

~ 1 KINGS 11:9-13 (NLT)

REHOBOAM: THERE'S A _____

“ Solomon ruled in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years. When he died, he was buried in the City of David, named for his father. Then his son Rehoboam became the next king.”

~ 1 KINGS 11:42-43 (NLT)

JEROBOAM: THERE'S _____

“ The leaders of Israel summoned him, and Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel went to speak with Rehoboam. 'Your father was a hard master,' they said. 'Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects.'”

~ 1 KINGS 12:3-4 (NLT)

REHOBOAM IGNORES _____

“ Then King Rehoboam discussed the matter with the older men who had counseled his father, Solomon. 'What is your advice?' he asked. 'How should I answer these people?’

The older counselors replied, 'If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.'

But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers.”

~ 1 KINGS 12:6-8 (NLT)

“ ... and followed the counsel of his younger advisers. He told the people, 'My father laid heavy burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!' So the king paid no attention to the people. This turn of events was the will of the Lord, for it fulfilled the Lord's message to Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh.”

~ 1 KINGS 12:14-15 (NLT)

GOOD ADVICE COMES FROM:

“ Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.”
~ PROVERBS 15:22 (NLT)

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NO _____ CAN STOP _____ .

“ This is what the Lord says: Do not fight against your relatives, the Israelites. Go back home, for what has happened is my doing! So they obeyed the message of the Lord and went home, as the Lord had commanded.”
~ 1 KINGS 12:24 (NLT)

JEROBOAM FOLLOWS _____ .



Open Your Bible to
1 Kings 12:26-30 to follow along.

When the _____ becomes the _____ ,

our _____ depends on our _____ & _____ of _____ .

“ I ripped the kingdom away from the family of David and gave it to you. But you have not been like my servant David, who obeyed my commands and followed me with all his heart and always did whatever I wanted. You have done more evil than all who lived before you. You have made other gods for yourself and have made me furious with your gold calves. And since you have turned your back on me,”
~ 1 KINGS 12:24 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

“ A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.”
~ MARK 3:24-25 (NLT)

What will your _____ ?

King Asa: _____ the Lord.

“ Asa did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight, as his Ancestor David had done”
~ 1 KINGS 15:11 (NLT)

DISCUSSION Questions:

- Name a piece of bad advice you have gotten over the years and how it impacted you? Name some good advice that was given to you at a key time in your life and the outcome from it.
- Is advice always good or bad based on the outcome? Name a time when the advice was good, but the outcome was bad.
- Read 1 Kings 12:1-11. Rehoboam sought advice about the decisions regarding taxing the people from 2 different groups of advisors. Why do you think the advice was so different from each group?
- Older people who have walked longer in life often carry more wisdom in their heart. Who is a wise and Godly person you know and how has he or she impacted your life? What is one of the best pieces of wisdom they offered you over the years?
- Who are some “overtaxed” people in your life right now? How can you ease their burden?
- Read 1 Kings 12:26-32. Jeroboam sought to keep his power by not letting the people travel to Jerusalem. In the process he set up false Gods. He sought out advice but continued on that path. How can we confirm the advice we get is good & Godly advice?
- What decisions or actions do you need to make today so that your legacy will be one of faithfulness?



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