

GIANT KILLER

Part Nine: *charging*

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When he was near death, David ordered Zadok the priest, the prophet Nathan, and the warrior Benaiah to take Solomon down to Gihon Spring and anoint him as the King over Israel (1 Kings 1:32-35). After Solomon was crowned Israel's king, David called his son to his bedside to give him some final instructions (1 Kings 2:1-9).

In 1 Kings 2, David is charging.

1st – David reminded Solomon of the certainty of death.

Vs. 1-2a

Even the people who eat right, exercise, and have good genes will die someday. Two things are certain in life - everyone dies, and everyone will be judged by God (Hebrews 9:27).

Why did David remind Solomon that everyone dies?

- David wanted his son to make the most of the life.
- David wanted his son to know that he does not need to be afraid of death.

David did not fear death because he knew the Lord and trusted Him with his soul (Psalm 23). And you don't have to be afraid of death either. Trust Jesus as your personal Savior and make a reservation in Heaven (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-13; 1 Peter 1)!

2nd – David told Solomon to take courage and be a man.

Vs. 2b

David knew Solomon needed to be a strong, decisive leader if he was going to succeed at ruling over a divided kingdom. But...

Why did David tell Solomon to be a man?

- David wanted Solomon to do the things God had called him to do.

3rd – David told Solomon to study and obey God's Word.

Vs. 3-4

First, David tells Solomon to observe (study) and to keep (obey) every part of the Law of Moses. Then, David promises his son that this will make him successful in everything he does. (See: Joshua 1:6-9)

4th – David told Solomon to be a just judge.

Vs. 5-9

David tells the new king of Israel to punish the guilty and reward those who deserve to be rewarded. Solomon should be a righteous judge just like his God is a righteous judge!

My four favorite takeaways from David's life:

1. If you want to do great things... you must trust the Lord. *Are you trusting the Lord?* Psalm 37
2. If you want to trust the Lord... you must have a proper view of God. *Are you learning about God?* Psalm 119
3. If you want to avoid sin... you must remain humble. *Are you a humble person?* Psalm 18; James 4:6-10
4. If you want to be a man or woman after God's own heart... you must practice confession. *Are you practicing confession?* Psalm 51; 1 John 1:8-9